

Dorian

Music

The minor mode with a raised sixth — the sound of folk, funk and modal jazz.

The second mode of the major scale: a natural minor with the sixth degree raised a semitone. That one note is the entire character.

DEGREE
2nd

RAISED
the 6th

CHORDS
i – IV

- Formula: 1 2  3 4 5 6  7.
- D Dorian is the white keys from D.
- It is C major's notes with D as home.
- The raised 6th makes the iv chord major, not minor.
- Chord pair to prove it: Dm to G major.
- Minor, but not sad — brighter than natural minor.

LOOK FOR IT

Scarborough Fair, So What, and most of what people call a 'Celtic' minor.

If a minor tune has a major IV chord, it is almost certainly Dorian.