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CITY NEWS



MUSICIANS & PERFORMERS: ATTEND YOUTH-LED OPEN MIC AT THE VERA PROJECT TOMORROW

Youth leaders from Totem Star, KEXP, The Vera Project, 206 Zulu, Seattle Theatre Group, and The Residency will host the first City of Music Open Mic tomorrow, Friday, October 19, at The Vera Project.

Join us for a night of great music and elevating youth voices! The open mic will be from 7-9 PM; sign-up begins at 6:30. This event is free and for all ages, and supported by the Seattle Music Commission.

[RSVP on Facebook](#)



SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR FILM CAREER DAY

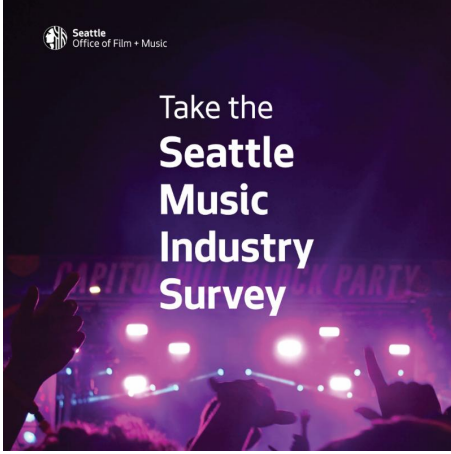
At the inaugural Film Career Day, young filmmakers will learn where to find work from corporate and commercial producers with Amazon, and Seattle production houses World Famous and Kontent Partners; see the future of VR, AR, and emerging

technologies from Wondertek and Washington Filmworks; find out how to get their vision on screen from award-winning production designer Ron Leamon; and so much more! Visit [OneReel](#) to see the complete list of panels and speakers. Students, educators, and all interested people under the age of 25 are invited to attend.

[Learn more at One Reel](#)

TAKE THE SEATTLE MUSIC INDUSTRY SURVEY

The Seattle Music Industry Survey is open through October 31. The survey results will help inform our work to support the local music industry. We're looking for well-rounded representation from people who have different roles within Seattle/King County music - not only musicians, but



also sound engineers, teachers, talent buyers, music retailers, agents, music therapists, nonprofits, DJs, venue owners and staff, instrument makers, promoters, and more. We also want to ensure diverse representation in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, and age. To take the survey, respondents simply must 1) live within King County and 2) do some work related to music (no matter how part-time or gig-based). At the end of the survey, they can enter to win a \$50 gift certificate to a local music business of their choice.

[Take the survey](#)



MEET THE MUSIC COMMISSION: SASSYBLACK

Seattle Music Commissioner SassyBlack - otherwise known as Catherine Harris-White - has been an influential part of Seattle's music scene for the past decade. A singer, songwriter and producer, SassyBlack is a psychedelic soul singer whose music is influenced by jazz, R&B, funk, hip-hop and more. Her latest EP, "Wakanda Funk Lounge," was released in June 2018. As a member of the Music Commission, SassyBlack is passionate about finding new ways to support musicians and make the industry stronger in Seattle. SassyBlack and her fellow Commissioners are hosting a roundtable with youth leaders tomorrow in order to learn more about the needs of young people in the music scene. The youth leaders at the roundtable will then be leading the City of Music Open Mic at the Vera Project, which is open to the public.

[Read more on the Film + Music blog](#)



THIS WEEK ON ART ZONE WITH NANCY GUPPY: SNEAK PREVIEW OF SEATTLE'S NEW AFRICAN ART AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

Don't miss this week's Art Zone with Nancy Guppy, featuring The Black Tones frontwoman and KEXP DJ Eva Walker! Also on this week's show, get a musical preview of the upcoming Northwest World Festival, a brand new festival celebrating African art and culture, and much more. Art Zone airs Friday night at 8 PM on Seattle Channel - and catch them anytime online!

[Watch on Seattle Channel](#)

INDUSTRY

ACADEMY NOMINATES BALLARD FILM STUDENTS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) has nominated students in Ballard High School's Digital Filmmaking Program for six National Student Production Awards: Best Short Form Fiction Film, Best Short Form Non-Fiction Film, Best Long Form Non-Fiction Film, Best Writing, Best Editing, and Best Audio/Sound. NATAS industry professionals selected the nominees from regional winners throughout the nation. You can watch the students' films on their [Vimeo page](#). Congratulations to these young filmmakers!



[Learn more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES



Seattle Office of
Economic Development

NOMINATE A SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH IN MUSIC/FILM/NIGHTLIFE

Each month, Seattle's Office of Economic Development recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who contribute to the economic vitality and cultural vibrancy of our city. These businesses exemplify the innovation, tenacity, and spirit of community that are the hallmarks of Seattle small businesses. Please share this opportunity with our creative community and submit nominations for small businesses in the music, film, or nightlife sectors!

[Learn more and submit nominations](#)

MEDIA DIGEST

MICROSOFT CO-FOUNDER PAUL ALLEN DIES AT 65 LEAVING BEHIND A LASTING IMPACT ON SEATTLE CULTURE

Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft and an important leader in Seattle's cultural community, died Monday at the age of 65 from non-Hodgkin lymphoma. While Allen's contributions to science and technology have forever transformed Seattle, his enormous influence on our cultural landscape was particularly felt by those working in music, film and the visual and performing arts. A tireless champion of art and music, Allen was a significant contributor to KEXP and played music himself throughout his life. He also rescued his childhood theater, the Seattle Cinerama, from demolition in 1998, founded the Museum of Pop Culture in 2000, and was a frequent lender and donor to the Seattle Art Museum.



[Read more at Crosscut](#)

JAZZED AND CAPITOL HILL HOUSING COLLABORATE FOR FUTURE JAZZ EDUCATION CENTER



Capitol Hill Housing and non-profit music education program JazzEd are partnering to support low-income residents, artists, and educators in Seattle. JazzEd Co-Founder and Executive Director, Laurie de Koch, spoke with the South Seattle Emerald on the soon-to-be constructed jazz education center located in Rainier Valley, and shared her thoughts on institutionalized racism and the opportunity gap that exists for children in the city.

[Read more at South Seattle Emerald](#)

SEATTLE FILM SUMMIT & BIGFOOT SCRIPT CHALLENGE FEATURED ON KING 5



Representatives from the Seattle Film Summit and the Bigfoot Script Challenge recently sat down with KING 5 to answer questions about the upcoming Summit on November 17-18. The Bigfoot Script Challenge awards are being announced at the Summit - if you haven't submitted your script yet, you have until tomorrow, October 19!

[Watch at KING 5](#)

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