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City launches 'Seattle Composer' Web site



When people think of Seattle music they usually think of Nirvana, Pearl Jam, maybe the Presidents of the United States of America.

City Councilman Nick Licata is trying to change that. On Wednesday he announced the launch of "[Seattle Composer](#)," a new Web site that presents local music compositions that don't get much play in the mainstream media. Current featured composers include [Tom Baker](#), [Sarah Bassingthwaighe](#), and [Christopher DeLaurenti](#).

Licata said in a statement that "Seattle has a wealth of musical talent that deserves greater exposure in order to reach a broader audience. 'Seattle Composer' intends to serve those artists while at the same time benefiting Seattle residents by giving them more opportunities to sample the work of local artists they might otherwise not hear."

UPDATE

We asked the council how much was spent on this initiative, in light of the [tough times](#) facing the city budget. Staff said each artist is paid \$20 for providing one musical composition to post. There's staff time spent managing and maintaining the site. The estimate for hard-dollar cost so far was about \$160.

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