Seattle is a city steeped in musical tradition a destination for music lovers and hub of creativity for music industry leaders, musicians and culture-makers.



Seattle Music Commission 2017-2018 Left to right: Tim Lennon, Sharlese Metcalf, Tony Kiewel, Joan Sandler, Reese Tanimura, Joleen Hughes, Nadine Zgonc, Jen Czeisler, Kate Becker (Director, Office of Film + Music), Daniel Pak, Jerry Everard. Not pictured: Meli Darby, Sue Ennis, Ricardo Frazer, Catherine Harris-White (aka SassyBlack), Ben Hunter, John Roderick, Gyasi Ross, Ben Secord, Nicole Jon Sievers, Adam Zacks. The Seattle Music Commission is made up of 21 volunteer members representing a broad range of perspectives within Seattle's music industry. The Commission strives to grow and develop the local music sector with an emphasis on racial and gender equity, and demonstrate the City's commitment to the industry, musicians, and live music audiences that comprise our local music economy.

The City of Music Initiative envisions Seattle by 2020 to be a city where musicians thrive, live music brings people together, and music businesses flourish. Together with the City of Seattle's Office of Film + Music, the Music Commission works with the greater community to advance the goals of the City of Music Initiative.

Since its formation in 2010, and through strategic public, private, and nonprofit partnerships, the Seattle Music Commission has successfully launched several key programs to advance the City of Music Initiative and support the local music industry.

Place-making that showcases local talent through Experience the City of Music at Sea-Tac Airport and in downtown Seattle

Connecting young people to the music industry with City of Music Career Day

Strengthening the creative economy through offerings like free business planning workshops for musicians and creative entrepreneurs

Convening real estate developers, members of the music community, and residents to discuss the effects of the city's rapid growth and development

2018 Areas of Focus: Racial equity Youth + Community Input Affordability Industry support City of Music identity

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