According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, overall employment of those in the music business is projected to stay consistent from 2016 to 2026. Increases in demand for musical performances may contribute to small increments of growth. Digital downloads and streaming platforms make it easier for fans to listen to recordings and view performances. Easier access to recordings gives musicians more publicity and grows interest in their work, and concertgoers may become interested in seeing them perform live. Moreover, some musicians and singers license their music for use in advertisements or for other commercial purposes, creating more exposure and revenue opportunities.

There may be some additional demand for musicians to serve as session musicians and backup artists for recordings and to go on tour. Singers may be needed to sing backup and to make recordings for commercials, films, and television. However, employment growth will likely be limited in orchestras, opera companies, and other musical groups because they can have difficulty getting funding. Some musicians and singers work for nonprofit organizations that rely on donations, government funding, and corporate sponsorships, in addition to ticket sales, to fund their work.

Related Career Titles

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. Detailed information regarding these areas of expertise can be found in the Bureau of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at Candid Career, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.
Music Director | Musician
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Music Librarian | Music Teacher
Record Producer | Music Retailer
Acoustical Engineer | Public Relations
Composer | Music Publishing
Song Writer | Music Entertainment Attorney
Club Performer | Business Manager
Sound Technician | Music Editor
Booking Agent | Musicologist

**SAMPLE RÉSUMÉS**

For a list of sample résumés created for Music majors, please visit our online career tool, Optimal Résumé, at [https://wcsu.optimalresume.com/](https://wcsu.optimalresume.com/). This is where you can choose a template and create résumés formatted specifically for the industry to seek. Whether you are applying directly to a person or an applicant tracking system, there are things you will need to know in order for your résumé to be recognized. We encourage students not to take any chances. Come speak with someone in our office, Monday through Friday, anytime between 9 am to 4:30 pm, or attend one of many résumé workshops we conduct throughout the year.

**JOB SEARCH ENGINES**

Prepare for interviews, compare salaries and get company reviews with a free student account from [Glassdoor](https://www.glassdoor.com). Simply click the link and sign up with your student email address.

- **Americans for the Arts Job Bank**
- **Arts Admin. Job Listings**
- **Art Search** (Contact Debra Manente at manented@wcsu.edu for login instructions.)
- **Assoc. of Performing Arts Presenters Job Bank**
- **Careers in Music**
- **Creative Jobs Central**
- **Entertainment Careers Net**
- **League of American Orchestras**
- **Musician Casting**
- **Music Jobs USA**
- **MusicalAmerica.com**
- **MusicalChairs.info**
- **National Guild for Community Arts Education Job Board**
- **Playbill.com job listings**
ReverbNation

RSW Entertainment Group

RESEARCH RESOURCES

Academy
Careersinmusic.com
Digital Music News
How I “Made it” in the Music Industry
Majoring in Music
Music America
Music Research
The Balance Careers
Women in Music

SALARY INFORMATION

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Music Connection
Pay Scale
College Grad

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

The WCSU Music Department invites students to join one of the Music-specific organizations the University has. Students are also encouraged to create their own group if one does not quite fit what they are looking for. The Music Department faculty is always willing to assist student groups with events and organization. To learn more about the clubs listed below, please contact the Music Department directly.

- Jazz Club
- Ives Concert Flutists
- Keyboard Club
- National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
- Play It By Ear A Cappella (PIBE)

Join a professional society or association related to Music – See list below

ASSOCIATIONS
Professional associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development while being provided endless networking opportunities. Being a member of an association also offers chances to attend conferences, learn about latest industry trends, scholarships, internship opportunities, along with attitudes and competencies expected in the industries of interest. Many associations encourage students to participate and even offer drastically reduced membership rates. Being a member of an association could be the best thing you do for your career.

American Federation of Musicians
American Guild of Musical Artists
American Music Therapy Association
Conductors Guild
Connecticut Music Educator Association
League of American Orchestras
Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association
Music Business Association
Music Teachers National Association
National Association for Music Education – Careers in Music
Society for Ethnomusicology