

The Musician's Guide to Digital Resources & Social Media

Music-makers of all kinds will want to check out this special guide. It bypasses most of the obvious internet resources in an effort to help you discover new and fruitful resources that can boost your music career to the next level. The following guide—featuring apps & sites recommended by Music Connection readers—includes not only marketing tools, but sales tracking, merch manufacturers, legal advice services, song submission specialists, apps to help you collaborate with other music-makers, and much, much more.



MUSIC
CONNECTION

SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL MARKETING TOOLS

SPROUT SOCIAL

Web: sproutsocial.com

Services: Social media management and optimization platform for brands and agencies of all sizes. Gives you a single hub for social media publishing, analytics and engagement across all of your social profiles.

Fee: Standard - \$99/mo, professional \$149/mo, Advance \$249/mo

HOOTSUITE

888-350-5191

Web: hootsuite.com

Services: Social media marketing and management platform. Helps you keep track and manage your many social network channels. It can enable you to monitor what people are saying about your brand and help you respond instantly.

Fee: Professional - \$29/mo

MAILCHIMP

Web: mailchimp.com

Services: Email marketing tool that allows you to send emails to hundreds or thousands of recipients all at once. It is essentially a tool you can use to create and manage mailing lists and newsletters, as well as automate your email campaigns and collect leads.

Fee: Free, Grow \$10/mo, Pro - \$199/mo

CANVA

Web: canva.com

Services: Graphic-design tool website. Design presentations, social media graphics, and more with thousands of beautiful layouts.

LINKMY.PHOTOS

Web: linkmy.photos

Services: Instagram photos and captions are currently not linkable. The only place where you can add a link to your website is through the URL in your Instagram bio. Link My Photos has created the destination for your Instagram bio. Your personalized Link My Photos page displays all of your clickable photos to help your followers get to the content and products that you post.

Fee: Free, Shutterbug - \$4.99/mo, paparazzi - \$9.99/mo

BITLY

Web: bitly.com

Services: URL Shortener, Custom Branded URLs, API & Link Management.

UNSPLASH

Web: unsplash.com

Services: Database of high-resolution, watermark-free images that are free for use.

WEB DESIGN

BANDZOOGL

Email: support@bandzoogle.com

Web: bandzoogle.com

Features: Unlimited support, free domain name, premium hosting, unlimited bandwidth, mobile-ready themes, music player, SEO tools, tour calendar, EPK's, more.

Fee: Lite - 8.29/mo, Standard - \$12.46/mo, Pro - \$16.63/mo.

WIX

Web: wix.com

Features: Design freedom, SEO, mobile optimization, unlimited fonts, media galleries, custom domain name, social tools, customizable music player, music selling options, stats

Fee: Free version available, Combo - \$11/mo, Unlimited - \$14/mo, Pro - \$19/mo, VIP - \$29/mo.

SQUARESPACE

Email: support.squarespace.com

Web: squarespace.com

Features: Modern templates, adobe image editor, audio collections, social sharing, email campaigns, product merchandising

Fee: Personal - \$12/mo, Business - \$18/mo.

WORDPRESS

Web: wordpress.com

Features: Custom domains, mobile friendly, built-in social sharing, in-depth stats, search engine optimized

Fee: Free, Personal - \$5/mo, Premium - \$8/mo, Business - \$25/mo.

HOSTBABY

1-888-448-6369, 503-256-4450

Web: hostbaby.com

Features: Designer website themes, live real-time editor, mobile ready designs, built-in music player, store CD Baby member integration, social media share button, products selling.

Fee: \$20/mo

NING

855-233-6436

Web: ning.com

Services: Social integration, custom design, 24/7 support, basic features toolkit, monetization options

Fee: Basic - \$25/mo, Performance - \$49/mo, Ultimate - \$99/mo.

LEGAL SERVICES/ADVICE

LEGALZOOM

800-773-0888

Email: support@legalzoom.com

Web: legalzoom.com

Services: Online legal help on business, intellectual property, contracts & agreements, legal advice

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW'S MUSIC INDUSTRY CLINIC

Email: mic@law.ucla.edu

Web: law.ucla.edu/academics/clinical-and-experiential-programs/music-industry-clinic/

Services: Free 30-minute consultations to individuals who need legal advice relating to their careers in the music industry on selected dates

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Web: freeadvice.com

Services: Comprehensive legal and insurance advice, articles, answers, videos and news.

NOLO

800-631S-5158

Web: nolo.com

Services: Answers to everyday legal and business questions, lawyer directory

LEGAL SERVICES LINK

844-529-3279

Web: legalserviceslink.com

Services: Anonymously post your legal needs quickly and for free. Lawyers interested in helping you contact you via email. Review the emails and select the best lawyer for you.

LAWHELP.ORG

Web: lawhelp.org

Services: Created for people living on low-incomes and the legal organizations that serve them. LawHelp.org provides referrals to local legal aid and public interest law offices, basic information about legal rights, court forms, self-help information, court information, links to social service agencies, and more in your state.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS

319-2787 ext. 1

Email: vlany@vlany.org

Web: vlany.org

Services: VLA provides legal services to low-income artists and all non-profit arts organization in every artistic discipline.

AVVO

Web: avvo.com

Services: Ratings, reviews and disciplinary records for lawyers in every state. Get free legal advice, find the right lawyer, and make informed legal decisions.

COURT BUDDY

866-653-3017

Web: courtbuddy.com

Services: Instantly matches consumers with solo attorneys based on budget. Clients and attorneys can instant message, call & video chat with members-only app.

FUNDRAISING/FINANCIAL MATTERS

PATREON

Web: patreon.com

Services: Membership platform that provides business tools for creators to run a subscription content service, with ways for artists to build relationships and provide exclusive experiences to their subscribers, or "patrons."

Fees: 5% of successfully processed fees in addition to an effective payment processing fees that may vary based on transaction amount and method of payment and a fixed fee. These average around 5% and 30 cents per transaction. There are also Payout fees for moving your funds from your Patreon account to your bank account.

KICKSTARTER

Web: kickstarter.com

Services: Crowd-funding platform for creative projects. A home for film, music, art, theater, games, comics, design, photography, and more.

Fees: Kickstarter fee of 5% of total funds raised in addition to payment processing fees of 3% + 20 cents per pledge. (Pledges under \$10 have a discounted micropledge fee of 5% + 5 cents per pledge.)

GOFUNDME

Web: gofundme.com

Services: For-profit crowdfunding platform that allows people to raise money for events. 0% platform fee.

Fees: Fees vary based on country. United States is 2.9% + 30 cents per donation.

INDIEGOGO

Web: indiegogo.com

Services: International crowdfunding website. Indiegogo allows people to solicit funds for an idea, charity, or start-up business. Indiegogo charges a 5% fee on contributions.

Fees: 5% of funds raised in addition to processing fee of 3% + 30 cents per transaction. Bank may charge additional fees depending on currency and bank account location.

PLUMFUND

Web: plumfund.com

Services: Free to fundraisers and donors. There are no transaction fees for organizers or contributors, and no setup fees.

Fees: Third party fee of 2.8% + 30 cents deducted from each transaction.

FUNDLY

Web: fundly.com

Services: Crowdfunding site for online fundraising. Raise money online from friends, family, colleagues, donors, and other supporters via email, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google, and social media networks.

Fees: Platform fee of 4.9% per transaction in addition to payment processing fee of 3% + 30 cents per transaction.

ARTISTSHARE

Email: support@artistshare.com

Web: artistshare.com

Services: Operates as a record label and business

model for artists which enables them to fund their projects by allowing the general public to directly finance, watch the creative process, and in most cases gain access to extra material from an artist.
Fees: 5% fee on contributions raised in addition to third party credit card processing fees (3-5%).

SOUND ROYALTIES

Email: info@soundroyalties.com

Web: soundroyalties.com

Services: Offers music professionals non-credit based financing and funding without having to deal with banks or traditional lenders.

Fees:

ROYALTY EXCHANGE

1-800-718-2269

Web: royaltyexchange.com

Services: Online marketplace & auction platform where investors & owners of royalty streams can buy royalties and sell all types of royalties.

Fees: Commission is collected after auction at rate determined prior to listing for sellers. Third party fees for transfers depending on bank account, location, and method of payment for buyers.

MUSIC REVIEW/OPINION/ FEEDBACK

MUSIC CONNECTION

(Live Reviews, New Music Critique)

Email: contactmc@musicconnection.com

Web: musicconnection.com/reviews/get-reviewed

Services: 12 recorded artists and 7 live performances are selected to be reviewed by Music Connection staff from artist submissions every month.

FLUENCE

Email: contact@fluenceapp.com

Web: Fluence.io

Services: Promotion, makes curators directly accessible to artists, promoters through their platform.

REVERBNATION (CROWD REVIEW)

Email: support@reverbnation.com

Web: reverbnation.com/band-promotion/crowd_review

Services: Artist feedback from targeted sample, data analytics.

TUNECORE (FAN REVIEWS)

646-651-1060

Web: tunecore.com/artist-services/get-reviewed

Services: Artist feedback, data analytics

Fee: \$15 for 40 reviews, \$40 for 100 reviews, \$115 for 225 reviews.

SONGU.COM

Web: songu.com

Services: Provides multi-level song writing courses developed by award-winning songwriters, song feedback, mentoring, one-on-one song coaching, co-writing, unscreened pitching opportunities and more.

GIG FINDER

REVERBNATION

Email: support@reverbnation.com

Web: reverbnation.com

Services: Online platform that provides marketing tools and industry opportunities for musicians, artists, and bands to manage their careers.

Fee: Free, Basic- \$12.95/mo, Premium - \$19.95/mo.

SONICBIDS

Email: support@sonicbids.com

Web: sonicbids.com

Services: Connects bands, music promoters and major brands through an online platform. Engage new fans, discover new music and find gigs.

Fee: Sonicbids Basic – Free, EPK Pro - \$5.00, Gig-Seeker Pro - \$19.99

MUZAIC

Email: contact@muzaicshows.com

Web: muzaicshows.com

Services: A marketplace for booking live music entertainers for concerts, restaurants, weddings, and corporate events.

Fee: Free for Artists; 3-month free trial for Venues and Event Organizers.

HIT LICENSE

866-868-9099

Email: support@hitlicense.com

Web: hitlicense.com

Services: Music licensing opportunities in Film, TV and Advertising

Fee: No membership fees, low submission rates and you retain 100% control and ownership of your music.

FILM MUSIC NETWORK

Web: filmmusic.net

Services: Job listings of projects seeking music or composers, including film projects, television projects, corporate videos, music libraries and more.

Fee: FMN Member Price: \$1.99 per music file submitted; FMN Non-Member Price: \$5.99 per music file submitted.

AIRGIGS

Email: help@airgigs.com

Web: airgigs.com

Services: platform for hiring professional session musicians, vocalists and audio engineers online.

Songwriters, music producers, bands and creatives can hire talent to enhance their existing productions, or they can produce an entire song from composition to mastering completely online.

GIGMASTERS

866-342-9794

Web: gigmasters.com

Services: Event services booking platform. Hire local musicians, DJs, bands, photographers and speakers for special event.

GIGSALAD

Web: gigsalad.com

Services: Find and book everything from bands, musicians, and DJs to entertainers, speakers and event services.

SOUNDBETTER

888-734-4358

Email: info@SoundBetter.com

Web: soundbetter.com

Services: Music production marketplace, helping musicians worldwide connect and hire top music pros so they can get to great-sounding release-ready songs. Musicians can find and securely hire the right pro based on specialty, budget, genre, credits, reviews and sound samples.

SONG SUBMISSIONS/ PLACEMENTS

TAXI

800-458-2111

Web: taxi.com

Services: Helps songwriters, artists, and film/TV composers get their music to record labels, music publishers, music supervisors and music libraries

MUSIC XRAY

Email: support@musicxray.com

Web: musicxray.com

Fee: Submission fee set by the Industry Professional, and an additional \$10.00 just for the first submission of that song.

Services: Submit your songs to music producers, publishers, supervisors and managers for marketing, music licensing, label roster, publishing, distribution and more. Your track goes directly to the decision makers: no middle-men, no pre-screeners, just a direct link between artist and Industry Professional.

MUSIC GATEWAY

Email: support@musicgateway.com

Web: musicgateway.com

Fee: Influencer - \$12.42/mo, Adventurer - \$14.95/year, Game Changer - \$24.92/mo

Services: Music industry marketplace where you find music industry jobs, receive daily job postings worldwide, start collaborations, send your demo submissions and more.

MUSIC GORILLA

Email: info@musicgorilla.com

Web: musicgorilla.com

Services: Submit your music to film, TV, songwriting and major label showcase opportunities. Get heard by a wide range of industry pros from music supervisors to internet radio hosts to major label A&R.

Fee: Free to sign up.

THAT PITCH

Web: thatpitch.com

Fee: Playin' it safe. -\$15 /mo, Goin' steady. - \$135 /year

Service: Pitch unlimited music to ads and major motion film.

MUSIC OPPS

Web: musicopps.com

Services: Music opportunities for independent & unsigned artists

Fee: \$15.00 per track

SUBMITHUB

Email: jason@submithub.com

Web: submithub.com

Services: Share songs with music bloggers, record labels, radio stations, Spotify playlists and YouTube or SoundCloud channels.

GETTY IMAGE MUSIC/ PUMP AUDIO

Web: pumpaudio.com

Services: License your songs on a non-exclusive basis to Getty Image. Receive 35% of the license fees.

SONG COMPETITIONS

USA SONGWRITING COMPETITION

Web: songwriting.net

Summary: Open to all amateur and professional songwriters and anyone regardless of nationality or origin.

Prizes: Winning songs receive radio airplay. Overall Grand Prize winner will receive \$50,000 worth of cash, merchandise and services. Overall 2nd Prize winner will receive \$9,000 worth of merchandise. Overall 3rd Prize winner will receive \$6,500 worth of merchandise.

Categories: Songwriters can enter in 15 different song categories such as: Pop, Rock/Alt, Folk, R&B, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Instrumental, etc.

Fee: \$35.00 per song

LEE RITENOUR'S SIX STRING COMPETITION

Email: outreach@sixstringtheory.com

Web: sixstringtheory.com

Summary: The Six String Theory Competition, hosted by Grammy-winning guitarist and producer, Lee Ritenour, is a biennial competition that accepts performer applications for guitar, bass, piano/keyboards and drums, and offers winners performance opportunities and scholarships, as well as prizes from sponsors.

INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION

615-251-4441

Web: songwritingcompetition.com

Summary: Annual song contest that provides opportunity for both aspiring and established songwriters to have their songs heard in a professional, international arena. 71 winners will share in the cash and prizes.

Categories: AAA (Adult Album Alternative), AC (Adult Contemporary), Americana, Blues, Children's Music, Christian, Comedy/Novelty, Country, EDM (Electronic Dance Music), Folk/Singer-Songwriter, Instrumental, Jazz, Latin Music, Lyrics Only, Music Video, Performance, Pop/Top 40, R&B/Hip-Hop, Rock, Teen, Unpublished,

Unsigned Only, and World Music.
Fee: \$25.00 per song or category

MUSIC CITY SONGSTAR

Email: mcscs@musiccitysongstar.com
Web: musiccitysongstar.com

Summary: A songwriting competition for up-and-coming writers and musicians in all genres.
Prizes: The Grand Prize winner receives money, an invitation to perform their song at an exclusive event and instruments.

JOHN LENNON SONGWRITING CONTEST

888-884-5572
Email: info@jpsc.com
Web: jpsc.com

Summary: The JLSC is open year-round and features two Sessions -- with 72 Finalists, 24 Grand Prize Winners, 12 Lennon Award Winners and 1 "Song of the Year." The Contest is open to amateur and professional songwriters who submit entries in any one of 12 categories.
Fee: \$30.00 per song

SPLICE

Web: splice.com/explore/contests
Fee: Must sign up to Splice Sound for \$7.99/mo
Summary: Remix contests. Win official releases, collabs, plugins and more.

GREAT AMERICAN SONG CONTEST

Email: info@greatamericansong.com
Web: greatamericansong.com
Summary: Open to songwriters, lyricists & music composers worldwide. This annual event is designed for amateur and semi-pro songwriters only. Individuals who earn over \$10,000 annually from song publishing royalties are not eligible.
Prizes: Grand Prize Winner receives \$1,000 cash in addition to a free membership to TAXI Independent A&R, free one-year Platinum Membership to SongU.com and more.
Fee: \$35 per song

UNSIGNED ONLY MUSIC COMPETITION

615-251-4441
Email: info@unsignedonly.com
Web: unsignedonly.com
Summary: Unsigned Only is designed for solo artists, bands, and singers all over the world who are looking for exposure, recognition, and a chance to be noticed by industry professionals. Open to all artists who are unsigned to a major record label.
Prizes: Grand Prizes \$20,000, mastering services, music distribution and more.
Fee: \$35 per song

HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITING CONTEST

Contact: hello@hollywoodsongwritingcontest.com
Web: hollywoodsongwritingcontest.com
Summary: Open call to songwriters and artists looking for recognition of their talents and, quite possibly, that first big break. All styles and genres of music are welcome.
Prizes: 23 top winners awarded for each official competition category, one overall Grand Prize Winner will be chosen and honored from among all entrants and all categories.

SKIO MUSIC

Web: skiomusic.com
Summary: Download free stems and win official releases, collabs, plugins and more

ON THE ROAD: LODGING

INDIE ON THE MOVE

Email: info@indieonthemove.com
Web: indieonthemove.com
Services: Show & tour booking, Music Venues Database, QuickPitch Emailing, College & University Show Booking Database, Bands Directory, Show Availabilities, Classifieds
Fee: Free, Premium - \$6.99/mo.

PRICELINE

877-477-5807
Web: priceline.com
Services: Discount rates for travel-related purchases including airline tickets, hotel stays, cars, cruises.

HOTEL TONIGHT

Email: help@hoteltonight.com
Web: hoteltonight.com
Services: Last minute hotel deals, discounted room rates

AIRBNB

415-800-5959, 855-424-7262
Web: airbnb.com
Services: Find hosts with extra rooms, entire homes and unique accommodations.

COUCH SURFING

415-404-6611
Email: support@couchsurfing.com
Web: couchsurfing.com
Services: Arrange homestays, offer lodging and hospitality, and join events such as "Couch Crashes."

ARTIST COLLABORATIONS

MUSICIAN'S CONTACT

818-888-7879
Email: info@musicianscontact.com
Web: musicianscontact.com
Services: Connecting musicians and bands together for over 45 years, from club and casual groups, to traveling bands, to concert and recording acts.

AVID

Web: avid.com
Services: Provides information on all-digital solutions for capturing, creating, editing and distributing digital media.

BANDMIX

877-569-6118
Web: Bandmix.com
Services: Online classified network for connecting local musicians and bands.
Fee: Free or premier membership (\$12.95/1 month, \$33.95/3 months, or \$99.95/1 year).

KOMPOZ

305-439-2938
Email: raf.fiol@kompoz.com
Web: kompoz.com/music
Services: Social network platform for musicians, to share, collaborate, distribute music and crowdsource production/performers
Fee: Free or premier membership (\$5/mo, \$10/mo, \$20/mo).

PROCOLLABS

Web: procollabs.com
Services: online music collaboration service that gives you access to experienced and talented songwriters, musicians, audio engineers, and music producers from all around the world.
Fee: Free or premier membership (\$1.70/mo, \$4.20/mo, \$7.90/mo).

BANDLAB

Email: hello@bandlab.com
Web: bandlab.com
Services: Social media network for musicians and fans with unlimited cloud based storage.
Fee: Free

SOUNDTRAP

Web: soundtrap.com
Services: Online recording studio/DAW with collaborative features, plugins/drumtracks, autotune, other audio engineering features. Also educational features (Soundtrap EDU should maybe have its own category?)
Fee: (\$3.99/mo, \$7.99/mo, \$11.99/mo).

DROOBLE

Email: team@drooble.com
Web: drooble.com
Services: Social media network for musicians with promotional features, also allows users to submit reviews of other users music for payment.
Fee: Free

SLACK

415-579-9122
Email: feedback@slack.com
Web: slack.com
Services: Collaborative Hub for work colleagues with features such as messaging, file sharing, screen sharing, searchable history, and integration with other filesharing/messenger apps. Organizes conversations between work colleagues into streamlined layout.
Fee: Free or paid membership (\$6.67/mo, \$12.50/mo).

AIRTABLE

Email: team@airtable.com
Web: airtable.com
Services: Shared database/spreadsheet
Fee: Free or paid membership (\$10/mo, \$20/mo).

BANDHUB

Web: bandhub.com
Services: Online music collaboration service that allows musicians to send each other individual audio files to create collaborative songs.
Fee: Free

AUDDLY

Email: info@auddly.com
Web: auddly.com
Services: Allows music creators to collect their song data and make it accessible for the business side, in order to secure transparent and correct credits and payments for everyone involved.

STUDIOTRAXX

Web: Studiotraxx.com
Services: Provides instant access to a vast global network of musicians-for-hire who are ready to work and collaborate via the web. Private collaboration areas are also available to those who don't need to find and hire musicians but simply need an efficient way to manage files across partners.

SONGSALIVE!

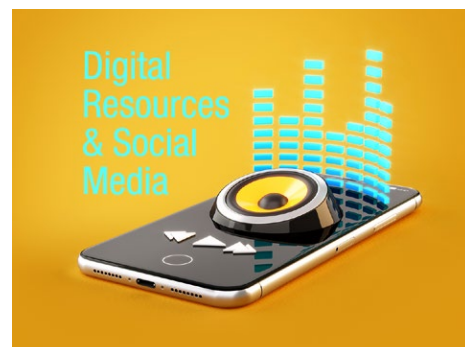
Web: songsalive.org
Services: Largest global songwriters squad. A Non-profit organization supporting, promoting and educating songwriters and composers worldwide.

BLEND

Web: blend.io
Services: Makes the process of producing music interactive. The social platform helps music producers share music projects in source format, perfect for remixing, collaborating, learning from, and gathering feedback from others in the global community.

VOCALIZR

Web: vocalizr.com
Services: Created to connect professional singers



and producers world-wide. Community of producers looking for talent.

Fee: Free or Pro Membership (\$9/mo).

SONGTOWN

Web: songtown.com

Services: A virtual music “town” where creative people gather to be encouraged, educated and inspired. Writers of all genres, from all over the world come to SongTown to find other creative co-writers, to learn how to improve their craft from #1 hit songwriters and publishers, and to be mentored by successful music industry pros.

Fee: Platinum Annual Plan \$197 per year, Diamond Fast Track \$649 per year, monthly membership for \$24.99/mo.

BEATSTARS

Web: beatstars.com

Services: Digital production marketplace that allows music producers to license and sell beats and give away free beats.

Fee: Free or Unlimited for \$14.99/mo.

OFFTOP

Web: offtop.co

Services: Mobile recording studio to rap and sing over beats. Explore library of fresh instrumentals, record freestyle or written verses, and share your rap or song with the world.

Fee: Premium \$7.99/mo.

TULLY

Web: tullyapp.com

Services: Recording artists and songwriters can play, write, and record song ideas all within one application. Artists can share their projects with their engineer before studio sessions, allowing instant access to the audio file, lyric sheet, and recording ideas. When using Tully, all your files are organized and stored to the cloud, keeping all your creative work safe in one location.

MUSIC LAUNCH HUB

Web: musiclaunchhub.com

Services: Global music network where working musicians and the next wave of music professionals, come together to better navigate their future in music.

SONGWRITER LINK

Web: songwriterlink.com

Services: Songwriting collaboration website that makes finding the perfect co-writer faster than before. It's the only website that uses matching engine technology—the same kind that dating websites use—to help find you exactly the type of songwriters you're looking for.

FRETTIE

Web: frettie.com

Services: Connect with other songwriters from around the globe. Frettie is a valuable songwriting community made up of students, professionals and hit songwriters who are all eager to learn, discover, give feedback and connect with each other.

AUDIOBRIDGE

Web: audiobridgeapp.com

Services: Mobile recording studio, tool for mobile music collaboration. Communicate directly with your collaborators with dedicated chat-rooms for every session. Keep track of your entire history of edits in one place with both real-time and delayed collaboration.

DEXTRA

Web: dextra.com

Services: App for musicians, filmmakers, actors, models, photographers, writers, dancers, artists, designers, and people with ideas, to collaborate with people from around the world who have the skills to realize their creative ideas.

SPLICE

Web: splice.com

Services: Join over a million musicians using Splice

to find sounds, get gear, enter contests, discover projects and connect with one another.

VAMPR

Email: support@vampr.me

Web: vampr.me

Services: App that helps you discover, connect and collaborate with fellow musicians, the music industry and music lovers alike.

METAPOP

Web: metapop.com

Services: Upload and share tracks, join communities, and enter competitions.

BRAPP

Web: brapp.tv

Services: Record and share live music videos. Upload your beats for anyone to perform on. Collaborate with artists & producers around the world instantly. All for free.

SONGSPACE

Web: songspace.com

Services: Helps music creators and publishers collaborate, pitch, track and share song projects and playlists.

Fee: Creator - \$8/mo, Business - \$15/mo.

MUSIC SALES TRACKING

NEXT BIG SOUND

Web: nextbigsound.com

Services: Provides online music analytics and insights, tracking hundreds of thousands of artists around the world. As part of Pandora, they deliver powerful analytics tools used by music makers, labels and marketers looking for data and insights about artists and their fans.

SOUNDCHARTS

Web: soundcharts.com

Services: A full-stack solution (database, desktop, mobile apps & API) that brings together real-time and historical music consumption data, (social, charts, playlist, airplay monitoring) to improve project management, reporting and artist scouting.

CHARTMETRIC

Web: chartmetric.io

Services: Music data analytics company. They combine hundreds of thousands of real-time data points across iTunes, Spotify, Youtube, Google, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram in order to make sense of the increasingly complex landscape of the music industry.

SONGTRUST

Web: songtrust.com

Services: World's largest global royalty collection service, Songtrust streamlines the music publishing administration of 1,000,000+ songs. Add yours.

MUSIC CREDITS DATABASES

DISCOGS

Web: discogs.com

Services: Discover new music. Track your collection and wantlist. Contribute to the database.

MUSICBRAINZ

Web: Open music encyclopedia that collects music metadata and makes it available to the public. MusicBrainz captures information about artists, their recorded works, and the relationships between them.

GENIUS

Web: genius.com

Services: Biggest collection of song lyrics and musical knowledge.

TOUR DATES CALENDAR

BANDSINTOWN

Email: support@bandsintown.com

Web: bandsintown.com

Services: Music website, billed as a “platform where artists and fans connect.” The site allows users to receive notifications about tours and bands playing in the user's area. It also has tools for artists to manage tour dates.

SONGKICK

Web: songkick.com

Services: Provides concert discovery services and ticket sales for live music events.

LIVE STREAMING

CONCERT WINDOW

Web: concertwindow.com

Services: Stream live to the world. Easily broadcast live and connect with fans for free

STAGEIT

Web: stageit.com

Services: Artists perform live, online shows from their laptop that are never recorded or archived. Fans are encouraged to ask the artist questions, request songs, and even chat with other fans during the show. Virtual tip jar available on every show.

PERISCOPE

Web: pscp.tv

Services: Offers live broadcasts with a twist—the ability to replay them at any time. Every video comes to life with a league of integrated social features: while watching streams, you'll also see people join, leave hearts, comment in real time, and more.

YOUKNOW

Web: younow.com

Services: Discover talented broadcasters, watch live streams and video chat live with people from around the world

TWITCH

Web: twitch.tv

Services: Site primarily focuses on video game live streaming, including broadcasts of eSports competitions, in addition to music broadcasts, creative content, and more recently, “in real life” streams. Content on the site can be viewed either live or via video on demand.

T-SHIRTS & MORE: MERCH & MANUFACTURING

DISC MAKERS

Email: info@discmakers.com

Web: discmakers.com

Services: Disc Makers is the world's largest CD, DVD, and Blu-ray manufacturer for independent musicians, filmmakers, and businesses. They offer duplication, replication, printing, graphic design, audio mastering, DVD authoring, worldwide distribution and more.

VISTAPRINT

866-614-8002

Web: vistaprint.com

Services: Design and order custom printed marketing materials, signage, t-shirts, hats, pens

9 CAFEPRESS

877-809-1659

Web: cafepress.com

Services: Create and sell your personalized designs on t-shirts, bags, mugs, posters and many more unique gifts.

SHOPIFY

Web: shopify.com

Services: Shopify is a commerce platform that allows anyone to easily sell online, at a retail location and everywhere in between. Shopify offers a professional online storefront, a payment solution to accept credit cards, and the Shopify POS application to power retail sales.

Fee: Basic Shopify - \$29/mo, Shopify - \$79 /mo, Advanced Shopify \$299/mo.

REDBUBBLE

Web: redbubble.com

Services: Global online marketplace for print-on-demand products based on user-submitted artwork.

MERCHCAT

Email: info@merchcat.com

Web: merchcat.com

Services: Merch sales, inventory management, track payments and get real-time reports.

Fee: \$7.99 /mo.

CUSTOM INK

800-293-4232

Web: customink.com

Services: American-based online retail company that makes custom apparel such as T-shirts and sweatshirts.

ZAZZLE

Web: zazzle.com

Services: Allows designers and customers to create their own products with independent manufacturers, as well as use images from participating companies.

BIG CARTEL

Web: bigcartel.com

Services: Build a unique online store, sell your work, and run a creative business. Perfect for clothing designers, bands, jewelry makers, crafters, and other artists.

MERCH.LY

866-522-4012

Web: merch.ly

Services: Custom t-shirts, hoodies, bags and more customized with your band logo or design, all at affordable prices.

YETI PRINTSHOP + DESIGN

Web: yetiprintshop.com

Services: Full-service printshop offering everything from screen-printed merchandise to gig posters.

STICKER MULE

Web: stickermule.com

Services: Custom stickers, labels, magnets & more. Get free proofs, free shipping, 4-day turnaround & 24/7 customer support.

SQUARE

Web: squareup.com/us/en

Services: Financial services, merchant services aggregator, and mobile payment company

Fee: Charges 2.75% per swipe.

SPREADSHOP

Web: spreadshop.com

Services: Create and sell custom merchandise on your own online shop for free.

EASY DISC

888-608-3310

Web: easydisc.net

Services: Duplication, full color-cover printing for CDs, DVDs, Blu-Ray, Vinyl and more.

BANDS ON A BUDGET

Web: BandsonaBudget.com

Services: BandsonaBudget.com is an online company that prints custom merchandise for all types of businesses and brands, with a large majority of its customers being up-and-coming musicians. With products varying from shirts to stickers, banners to tour posters, BandsonaBudget.com can help you cover all of your bases in one shot, eliminating the need to deal with a different company for each item you want.

FIVERR

Web: fiverr.com

Services: Online marketplace for freelance services

including digital marketing, graphic design, music, audio and more.

MUSIC DISTRIBUTION & FILM/TV LICENSING

CD BABY

800-289-6923

Web: cdbaby.com

Services: Digital distribution, YouTube monetization, sync licensing, publishing administration, CD & vinyl sales

SONGTRADR

424-744-8190

Email: support@songtradr.com

Web: songtradr.com

Services: Free sign up, online music licensing, free submission to music licensing opportunities, unlimited music storage, non-exclusive licensing.

LANDR

Email: contact@landr.com

Web: landr.com

Services: AL mastering, collaboration workflows, artist-friendly distribution, promotion tools, free samples, stats.

Fee: \$4/mo (Basic), \$9/mo (Advanced), \$25/mo (Pro).

SYMPHONIC DISTRIBUTION

813-907-3128

Web: symphonicdistribution.com

Services: Video distribution, publishing administration, neighboring rights, marketing, video marketing, sync licensing, web and graphic design, YouTube HYPERLINK "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Website_monetization" \o "Website monetization" monetization and SoundCloud monetization.

SYNCH SONGWRITER

888-805-8330

Web: syncsongwriter.com

Services: Selectively licenses music with licensing agent. The goal of the site is to teach you how to get your songs into TV & film.

DITTO MUSIC

Web: diittomusic.com

Services: Distribution service offers unlimited releases to all major online stores on an annual subscription basis. Non-exclusive deals with artists keeping 100% of their royalty earnings. Record label services including PR, social media and playlist pitching to independent artists.

DISTROKID

Email: support@distrokid.com

Web: distrokid.com

Services: Distribute cover songs legally, get paid when other people use your music on YouTube, unlimited backups, instant Spotify verified checkmark, manage your Apple Music page, get your credits & lyrics into stores, Spotify pre-save.

AWAL

Email: info@awal.com

Web: awal.com

Services: Global distribution, marketing and release management, A&R, funding, playlist promotion, radio & PR, YouTube monetization, and music data and insights through the AWAL App.

TUNECORE

646-651-1060

Web: tunecore.com

Services: Vinyl pressing and distribution, physical copies of your music, guaranteed plays on services like Deezer and 8track, engagement stats, custom artist website using designs tailored for musicians.

SPINNUP

Email: support.spinnup.com

Web: spinnup.com

Services: Keep 100% royalties, streaming statistics and sales reports.

AMUSE

Email: support@amuse.io

Web: amuse.io

Services: Strategic planning, marketing, financing, branding and PR, 50/50 profit.

SONGTRADR

Web: songtradr.com

Services: Music licensing platform connecting artists to content creators such as filmmakers, TV producers and brands. Digital distribution service, which allows artists to deliver music to over 200 streaming and download services.

REPOST NETWORK

Web: repostnetwork.com

Services: Offers SoundCloud monetization, content protection, and upgraded profile features to musicians and podcasters on the platform.

ONERPM

Email: support@onerpm.com

Web: onerpm.com

Services: Music distribution, marketing, business intelligence, rights mgmt. & publishing, video network.

REVERBNATION

Email: support@reverbnation.com

Web: reverbnation.com

Services: Opportunities, digital distribution, site builder, fan reach, crowd review, gig finder, sell direct, electronic press kits.

MONDOTUNES

Email: info@mondotunes.com

Web: mondotunes.com

Services: Distribution, marketing, mastering, licensing opportunities.

UNITEDMASTERS

Email: info@unitedmasters.com

Web: unitedmasters.com

Services: Distribution, marketing, data analytics

Fee: \$100 monthly payment made through paypal, UnitedMasters keeps 50% of royalties.

THE ORCHARD

Email: communications@theorchard.com

Web: theorchard.com

Services: distribution, marketing, data analytics, performance rights, accounting.

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