



## What Defines a Juried Artist?

A Juried Artist is a practicing musician who has taken - or is in the process of taking - their artistic practice and interest in social change to the next level - that of actively pursuing significant, measurable impact to their work as a musician changemaker.

As such, the artists on our Juried Artist roster tend to be those who have:

- Identified, or are in the process of identifying, the needs of their community and aligned/aligning their musical projects with one or several of these needs.
- collaborated closely with, or are in the process of establishing collaborations with, nonprofits, or other groups actively involved in changemaking in their community.
- produced music-driven programs that measurably move the needle on an issue or cause *or* who are in the early stages of creating and/or launching a music-driven program with support from local partners.

Juried Artists also demonstrate excellence in their practice as musicians, irrespective of genre. They have:

- the ability to hold their own on stage or in a filmed performance.
- gained some level of recognition from their peers (relative to the length of their career in the field).
- a body of work available (usually including original work), via audio or video recordings, that can be referred to for confirmation of their musical skills.
- clearly formulated and actively put forward on stage, in interviews and via their online presence, the connection between their musical practice and their work as a changemaker.

While we recognize the challenges of managing multiple roles as an independent, engaged musician, these artists also generally have:

- an active online presence (website, social media...) with some degree of audience engagement that highlights their work as a musician changemaker (i.e. their online presence goes beyond the promotion of their musical accomplishments).

We ask artists interested in our Juried Artist roster to complete [this application form](#), to be reviewed by a panel of artists and industry experts who take into consideration a delicate balance of talent, community impact and concept feasibility. Musicians at all stages of their career and social change work are welcome to reach out with questions regarding the Juried Artist roster or the selection process, and regardless of their eligibility as Juried Artists, we invite all interested musicians to join our extended community as we work to build the capacity and value of musicians as effective change agents.