

District of Columbia

Serving as early...

many prominent artists, musicians, and composers – such as John Philip Sousa, Duke Ellington, Roberta Flack, Henry Rollins, and Dave Grohl – D.C. has played an outsized part in the establishment of several genres, including jazz, rap, go-go, punk, and EDM. A major hub for the arts, D.C. is loaded with musical venues, from the iconic 9:30 Club to the Kennedy Center, home of the National Symphony Orchestra. The D.C. Youth Orchestra Program and many other D.C. institutions are undoubtedly turning out the next wave of musical influencers.

Music Venues & Festivals

9:30 Club	The Anthem
Broccoli City Festival	The Atlantis
Capital One Arena	The Kennedy Center
DC9 Nightclub	Union Stage
Howard Theatre	

Notable Musicians

Ari Lennox	Jimmy Cobbs
Bad Brains	Marvin Gaye
Chuck Brown	Minor Threat
Duke Ellington	Thievery Corporation
Ginuwine	Wale

\$1.1B

Music Industry
Contribution to State GDP
(Secretariat)

4,811

Jobs Supported
(Secretariat)

266

Music Establishments
(A2IM/Secretariat/NIVA)

956

Royalty Recipients
(SAG-AFTRA/SoundExchange)

5,903

Songwriters
(ASCAP/BMI/GMR/SESAC)