

# 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. And the Levine School, 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

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 9:30 Club                    | Eighteenth Street Lounge             |
| All Things Go Music Festival | Howard Theatre                       |
| Black Cat                    | Karma                                |
| Blues Alley                  | Lincoln Theatre                      |
| Bravo Bravo                  | National Theatre                     |
| Capital One Arena            | Pearl Street Warehouse               |
| City Winery DC               | Pie Shop                             |
| D.C. Armory                  | RFK Memorial Stadium                 |
| DC Comedy Loft               | Songbyrd Record Café and Music House |
| DC Improv Comedy Club        | The Anthem                           |
| DC9 Nightclub                | The Hamilton Live                    |

**\$835.6M**

Music industry contribution to state GDP  
(Economists Inc.)

**4,336**

Jobs Supported  
(Economists Inc.)

**250**

Music Establishments  
(A2IM/Economists Inc./NIVA)

**829**

Royalty Recipients  
(SAG-AFTRA/SoundExchange)

**5,302**

Songwriters  
(ASCAP/BMI/GMR/SESAC)



DAR Constitution Hall  
Dupont Underground  
Echostage

The Kennedy Center  
Union Stage  
Warner Theatre

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## Notable Musicians

Bad Brains  
Duke Ellington  
Ginuwine

Marvin Gaye  
Minor Threat  
Wale