



Dear Members,

As concerts are cancelled, as schools, universities and music organizations temporarily close or move online, it is important that we support each other in whatever way we can.

Many, if not most, of us work as freelancers, with an assemblage of activities including teaching, performing, conducting, composing, sound engineering, writing and more. Our lives are on hold. While difficult, stopping the spread of this virus is paramount, and we are all doing our part. At IAWM we recognize that this is having a ravaging effect across all facets of our industry.

Below are a list of resources that may be of assistance. As we face unprecedented challenges, more solutions could and are emerging. We realize that this initial list is incomplete and centric to North America, so PLEASE send us any additional resources you know of from your part of the world, and we can get these out to you so you can focus on staying healthy and secure and/or recovering.

Sincerely,

Christina Rusnak and the IAWM Board

## Resource Lists

### COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resource

This list is specifically designed to serve freelance artists, and those interested in supporting the independent artist community. The aggregated list contains a massive amount of free resources, opportunities, and financial relief options at the national, state, local, and private levels.

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### New Music USA

New Music USA's list of their current actions and critical resources. They will be monitoring the situation and updating the information here regularly.

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# Grants & Aid

## Foundation for Contemporary Arts

Emergency Grants is the only active, multi-disciplinary program that offers immediate assistance of this kind to artists living and working anywhere in the United States, for projects occurring in the U.S. and abroad.

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## SUPPORTACT

Providing music workers in Australia impacted by Covid-19 (AU only)

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## CERF+ Emergency Assistance

CERF+ emergency assistance includes grants and/or brokered assistance, such as booth fee waivers and discounts or donations on supplies and equipment.

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## Rauschenberg Emergency Grants

New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) and the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation administer this new emergency grant program. (U.S. only)

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## Craft Emergency Release Fund

Relief grants for artists who have experienced a recent, career threatening emergency, such as an illness, accident, fire or natural disaster. (US only)

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## Jazz Foundation

The Jazz Foundation of America provides housing and emergency assistance, pro bono medical treatment, disaster relief, and employment opportunities.

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## Artists' Fellowship

The Artists' Fellowship, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable foundation that financially assists professional visual artists and their families in times of emergency, disability or bereavement.

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## Artist Relief Tree

This fund is set up to collect donations from those of us with the means to help. They intend to support artists, particularly freelance artists, in a small way. Unfortunately they cannot hope to replace artists' entire fees or lost work, but they wish to provide hope, make a small difference, and show solidarity with colleagues and friends.

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## Sound Royalties

US-based finance firm Sound Royalties, LLC has announced a new \$20m fund from which music creators impacted by Coronavirus can obtain no-fee royalty advances. Musicians will be able to obtain advances from the \$20m pot over the next 30 days, through April 16, or until the money is depleted.

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## Musicians Foundation

Musicians Foundation is the country's oldest independent nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to musicians and their families in times of need, crisis or transition. (US only)

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# Ideas for Dealing with Your New Work Environment

## Video Meeting Tips

If you're going to be attending a lot of meetings by video conference in the coming weeks, this resource offers tips on how to make those meetings work.

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## Online Teaching Tips

As universities declare class cancelations and mandate a shift to online teaching, instructors have the opportunity to design online course materials to be as accessible as possible from the beginning. This will also ensure that your course materials are accessible moving forward.

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## Some Free Tech

Avid Gives Free 90-Day License:

If you need access to ProTools, you got it.

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