



MUSICIANS
FOUNDATION

Helping musicians and their families since 1914.

For over 105 years,
Musicians Foundation has provided
financial assistance to artists in times
of need, crisis, and transition.

Our grants support
professional performers and educators
across all musical genres.

Grants directly pay bills caused by
medical and dental situations,
natural disasters, and
other unexpected hardships.

"From musicians... for musicians"

Musicians Foundation has given millions of dollars in aid to performers and educators so they can continue their artistic pursuits. The Foundation was first supported by successful musicians who strongly believed in the importance of giving back to the art form.



Established in 1914, the Foundation's rich history has included support from legendary musicians like Leonard Bernstein, Pablo Casals, Jascha Haifetz, Yo-Yo Ma, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Arthur Rubenstein, Isaac Stern, Arturo Toscanini, and many more.



Musicians Foundation Leadership Today

A renowned advisory council, dedicated board of directors, and committed staff are all involved in sustaining the Foundation's nonprofit mission to help more musicians.

The Musicians Foundation Advisory Council members are Joshua Bell, Misha and Cipa Dichter, Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Wynton Marsalis, Meredith Monk, and Spencer Myer.

Our Work and Process

Streamlined operations and industry-leading practices allow Musicians Foundation to reach more musicians every year and give aid that changes lives.

- The two-part [online application](#) is always open to professional musicians (performers, educators, and composers) who [qualify](#).
- Within the application, applicants prioritize the bills they need most help paying. All grants, which are mailed to approved applicants as vendorized checks, are made out to the biller (doctors, hospitals, landlords and management companies, utility providers, and others). This process allows for musicians to pay bills quickly and with dignity.
- Submitted applications are reviewed by Musicians Foundation Staff and a screening committee to give aid most effectively. With the fastest aid grant process in the industry, eligible applicants can receive assistance in as little as one or two weeks.
- Musicians Foundation connects with local unions and performance-rights organizations in the aftermath of natural disasters and other regional emergencies to reach professionals in need. Additionally, the Foundation partners with like-minded organizations to provide musicians with further support if needed.
- Outreach to musicians is conducted on multiple platforms. Musicians Foundation resources are available on a [comprehensive website](#), social media, and in various music publications.
- Musicians Foundation is supported by numerous organizations, along with individual and corporate patrons who make one-time, recurring, or planned donations.

Musicians Foundation has assisted thousands of artists since its founding and is the oldest nonprofit organization of its kind.

Our video series, *Musicians Foundation Stories*, highlights the careers of select grantees whose lives were changed in times of need, crisis, and transition.

Musicians Foundation Stories

Gerald Goodman and Paula Liscio



Giving Back to Music



Supporting performers and educators keeps the art of music alive and strong.

As safety nets and stability disappear for artists, more qualified professionals are applying for aid. Without help from more donors, many applicants we reach must wait for assistance.

Whether you are an industry professional or occasional concert-goer, your contribution directly impacts the future of music by covering essential bills for musicians in need.

**Donate today
or plan a legacy gift
for the future.**

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