

Careers in Music:

Music opens the door to an exciting range of creative careers. Each path uses sound, expression, and imagination in different ways. Here are some key roles in the music world, along with famous people who have excelled in each one.



Performer (Singer / Musician)

Performs music live or in recordings, using voice or instruments to entertain audiences, express ideas, and bring songs to life on stage or in studios.

Pictured: Adele (left) and Bob Marley (right)



Composer / Songwriter

Creates original music and lyrics for songs, films, games, concerts, or theatre, shaping mood, emotion, and storytelling through sound.

Pictured: Lin Manuel Miranda (left) and Carole King (right)



Music Producer

Oversees the creation of recorded music, guiding artists, arranging songs, shaping sound, and using technology to produce polished, professional tracks.

Pictured: Missy Elliott (left) and Max Martin (right)



Conductor

Leads orchestras, choirs, or ensembles by guiding musicians through tempo, expression, and coordination to bring musical pieces together in performance.

Pictured: Leonard Bernstein (left) and Marin Alsop (right)



Music Teacher / Educator

Helps students learn musical skills such as singing, playing instruments, reading music, and developing confidence, creativity, and musical understanding.

Pictured: Dame Evelyn Glennie (left) and Zoltán Kodály (right)





Sound Engineer / Audio Technician

Controls and records sound using microphones, mixing desks, and software to capture, edit, and balance audio for concerts, films, or studio sessions.

Pictured: Susan Rogers (left) and Les Paul (right)



DJ

Selects and mixes music live using turntables or digital tools to create exciting sound experiences for parties, clubs, festivals, or radio shows.

Pictured: Calvin Harris (left) and Peggy Gou (right)



Musical Theatre Performer

Combines singing, acting, and dancing to tell stories on stage in musicals, working as part of a cast to bring characters and songs to life.

Pictured: Cynthia Erivo (left) and Charlie Stemp (right)



Music Therapist

Uses music to support wellbeing, helping people express emotions, build confidence, improve communication, and develop physical or emotional skills through musical activities.

Pictured: Clive Robbins & Paul Nordorf (left) and Dr. Shambhavi Das (right)



A Creative Future in Music

Music can open doors to performance, composition, production, teaching, sound engineering, and so much more. Whether you love **singing, playing, writing songs, mixing beats**, or **bringing stories to life through sound**, there's a musical pathway ready for your talent and imagination.

Music isn't just something you listen to; it's something you can **create, shape**, and **share** with the world. Your musical journey can take you anywhere.