




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Benjamin N. Hunter</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Music Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 4/13/2017	Term of Position: * 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2018
Residential Neighborhood: Columbia City	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
<p>Background: Benjamin Hunter: A professional musician (violin, mandolin, guitar, tenor banjo, vocals), Benjamin plays roots, blues, jazz, folk, bluegrass, gospel and classical music locally, nationally, and internationally. As a community activist and entrepreneur, he's founder and director of local not-for-profit, Community Arts Create, and he's also one of the primary forces behind both the Hillman City Collaboratory, and a community-driven restaurant and performance space, the Black & Tan Hall.</p> <p>Born in Lesotho, raised in Arizona and Zimbabwe, and college in Washington State, Benjamin's interests lie in the intersection of arts & culture, politics, and philosophy. Ben plays an active role in the SE Seattle community, serving on a variety of boards and committees that serve to develop the south Seattle region economically, socially, environmentally, and all the while, artistically.</p> <p>In 2015, Ben was awarded the Governor's Arts & Heritage Award for Young Arts Leader, and in 2016 Ben was awarded as one of City Arts Magazine's Future's List awards. In 2016, along with musical partner, Joe Seamons, Ben was awarded 1st place in the International Blues Challenge. He also received 2 awards from the Washington Blues Society, Best of the Blues.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Edward B. Murray</i> Mayor of Seattle

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*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

Benjamin N. Hunter

Education

Diploma International Baccalaureate, 2003
North High School
Phoenix, Arizona

Bachelor of Arts, Music Performance, 2007
Whitman College
Walla Walla, Washington

Employment

Working Musician, 2009 - present

Gentleman Buckhunters
Scrape String Ensemble
Renegade Stringband
Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons
Benjamin Hunter Solo

Community Arts Create, February 2011 - present

Founder & Executive Director, Southeast Seattle
www.communityartscreate.org

Hillman City Collaboratory, January 2013 - present

Co-Founder, Southeast Seattle
www.hillmancitycollaboratory.org

Washington Middle School, September 2011 - present

Director of Fiddlers, Central District

Black & Tan Hall, January 2016 - present

Co-Founder, Hillman City
www.blackandtanhall.com

Musical History

Began playing violin at age 5, classically trained through age 22
Phoenix Youth Symphonette Orchestra 4 years

Renegade Stringband 2011- present

ROMP Bluegrass Festival, Owensboro, Kentucky 2012, 2013
Bainbridge Bluegrass Festival, summer 2013
Wild & Scenic Bluegrass Festival, Leavenworth, WA, 2013
Wintergrass, 2013
Northwest Folklife, Seattle, 2013 & 2014

Duo, Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons, 2013-present

Rhapsody Workshop & Community Concert Series
Subdued Stringband Jamboree, summer 2015
Pickin' & Paddlin' Festival, Summer 2015
Northwest Folklife, 2014-2016
Steamboat Stringband Jamboree, 2015 & 2016
Portland Waterfront Blues Festival, 2016
Winthrop Blues Festival, 2016
Heritage Music BluesFest, 2016
Chenango Blues Fest, 2016
Wintergrass, 2016 & 2017
Celtic Connections, 2017

Musical associations with:

Dom Flemons & Guy Davis, 2014, album & tour
Ricky Jean Powell & Acoustic Laboratory, Wintergrass 2014
Seattle Rock Orchestra, annually 2011, 2012, 2013
Jazz String Ensemble, SCRAPE, founding member 2011- present
Gentlemen Buckhunters 2009- 2011
Phil Wiggins, 2017, album & tour

Violin Instruction 2009 - present

Beginning to advanced, private individual
Washington Middle School, Director of Fiddlers

Employment Background

- Arts in Motion, Aug. 2009 - Jan. 2011: Violin Instructor
- Urban Enoteca: Line Cook
- Ballard Outdoor, 2009 - 2010: Sales, Production, sign-making
- Capital Grille, Feb.-Aug. 2008: Food Expeditor, food prep, bar back
- Apulent, Dec. 2007 - Sept. 2010: Floor & Event Manager, server, bartender
- Alaska General Seafood, summer 2005-2007: Warehouse Supervisor, Forklift Driver

Community Associations

Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce
Columbia City Business Association
Hillman City Business Association
Peoples Academy of Commercial Engagement
Seattle Dept. Of Neighborhoods
NAVOS
Northwest Folklife
SEEDArts

Publications/Presentations

TEDX Rainier Nov. 2013,. "When Folk Music Speaks"
Rainier Valley Post, articles on CAC
Stranger, Hillman City Collaboratory
Real Change, Hillman City Collaboratory
KCBS interview, 2013
Hearth Music, November 2014
American Standard Time, November 2014
Sing Out! Magazing, December 2014
KEXP Live Performances, August 2014
Strings Magazine, March 2015
No Depression, February 2015
fRoots Magazine, February 2015
City Arts Genre Bender, February 2017

Awards/Recognition

Governor's Arts & Heritage Ward for Young Arts, 2015
City Arts Magazine's Future's List, 2016
International Blues Challenge, 1st place Duo Category, 2016
Best of Blues, Washington Blues Awards, Solo/Duo Act & Traditional Blues Act, 2016

Seattle Music Commission

21 Members: Per ordinance 124422, all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms, max of 6 years:

- 10 City Council-appointed
- 11 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Chair	Jody McKinley	05/01/2014	08/31/2017	2	Mayor
6	F		2.	Vice Chair	Patty Isacson Sabee	06/05/2014	08/31/2017	1	Council
4	M		3	Commissioner	Gyasi Ross	09/01/2016	08/31/2017	1	Mayor
2	M		4.	Commissioner	Timothy Lennon	06/01/2015	08/31/2017	1	Council
1	F		5.	Commissioner	Hollis Wong-Wear	11/1/2104	08/31/2017	1	Mayor
6	M		6.	Commissioner	Adrian Burton	05/01/2015	08/31/2017	2	Council
6	F		7.	Commissioner	Nadine Zgonc	02/01/2015	08/31/2017	2	Mayor
6	M		8.	Commissioner	Jerry Everard	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	1	Council
5	M		9.	Commissioner	Adam Zacks	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	1	Mayor
2	F		10.	Commissioner	Sharlese Metcalf	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	1	Council
6	F		11.	Commissioner	Joan Sandler	02/01/2015	08/31/2018	2	Mayor
7	F		12.	Commissioner	Marissa Tanimura	08/17/2015	08/31/2018	1	Council
2	M		13.	Commissioner	Benjamin N. Hunter	09/01/2016	08/31/2018	1	Mayor
2	M		14.	Commissioner	Ricardo Frazer	05/01/2015	08/31/2018	2	Council
9	F		15.	Commissioner	Nicole Jon Sievers	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	2	Mayor
6	F		16.	Commissioner	Karen P. Thomas	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	2	Council
2	F		17.	Commissioner	Catherine Harris-White	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	1	Mayor
1	M		18.	Commissioner	Daniel Damian Pak	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	1	Council
6	F		19.	Commissioner	Jennifer Czeisler	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	1	Mayor
6	M		20.	Commissioner	Tony Kiewel	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	1	Council
6	M		21.	Commissioner	John Roderick	09/01/2016	08/31/2019	2	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	5	6			1	2	1	1	5				1
Council	6	4			1	3			5	1			
Other													
Total	11	10			2	5	1	1	10	1			1

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
 - **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
 - RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A
- Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*