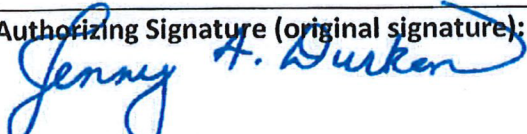




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Benjamin J. Hunter		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Music Commission		Position Title: Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed: 9/1/2016	Term of Position: * 9/1/2018 to 8/31/2021 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: Columbia City	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p>Benjamin Hunter is a professional musician (violin, mandolin, guitar, tenor banjo, vocals) who 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, Ben attended Whitman College and found his passions within the intersection of arts and 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 included on City Arts Magazine's Future List. 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: Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle

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

Benjamin N. Hunter

Education

Diploma International Baccalaureate, 2003

North High School

Phoenix, Arizona

Bachelor of Arts, Violin Performance, 2007

Whitman College

Walla Walla, Washington

Employment

- Working Musician, 2009 - present
 - Gentleman Buckhunters
 - Scrape String Ensemble
 - Renegade Stringband
 - Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons
 - Honeysuckle Rye
 - 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

- Classically trained violinist through age 22
 - Phoenix Youth Symphonette Orchestra 4 years
- Violin Instruction 2009-present
 - Beginning through advanced
 - Washington Middle School After School Program, Director of Fiddlers, 2011-present
- Renegade Stringband 2011- 2015
 - 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
- Ben Hunter & Joe Seamons, 2013-present
 - Rhapsody Workshop & Community Concert Series, program of CAC
 - 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
Festival of American Fiddle Tunes, 2017/2018
Augusta Heritage Festival, Blues & Swing, 2017/2018

- Benjamin Hunter Solo, 2011-present
City Arts Genre Bender, February 2017
Civic University, Artist in Residence, 2017
Black Bois, On The Boards, 2018

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

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 Community Engagement, Seattle Dept. Of Neighborhoods, Advisory Board
NAVOS, Advisory Board
Northwest Folklife Community Coalition
SEEDArts
BASE Cohort, Build Art Space Equitably

Publications/Presentations

TEDX Rainier Nov. 2013, "When Folk Music Speaks" (Benjamin Hunter)
Rainier Valley Post, Articles on CAC (Benjamin Hunter)
Stranger, Hillman City Collaboratory (Benjamin Hunter)
Real Change, Hillman City Collaboratory (Benjamin Hunter)
KCBS interview, 2013 (Ben & Joe)
Hearth Music, November 2014 (Ben & Joe)
American Standard Time, November 2014 (Ben & Joe)
Sing Out! Magazine, December 2014 (Ben & Joe)
KEXP Live Performances, August 2014 (Ben & Joe)
Strings Magazine, March 2015 (Ben & Joe)
No Depression, February 2015 (Ben & Joe)
fRoots Magazine, February 2015 (Ben & Joe)
Mother Jones, 2018 (Benjamin Hunter)
No Depression, 2018 (Benjamin Hunter)

Awards/Recognition

Governor's Arts & Heritage Award 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: Pursuant to *Ordinance 124422*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 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	F	1	1.	Commissioner	Joleen Hughes	9/1/17	8/31/20	1	Mayor
6	F	5	2.	Commissioner	Sue Ennis	9/1/17	8/31/20	1	City Council
			3.	Commissioner	vacant	9/1/17	8/31/20		Mayor
2	M	n/a	4.	Commissioner	Timothy Lennon	9/1/17	8/31/20	2	City Council
			5.	Commissioner	vacant	9/1/17	8/31/20		Mayor
6	M	4	6.	Commissioner	Ben Secord	9/1/17	8/31/20	1	City Council
2	M	N/A	7.	Commissioner	Terry D. Morgan	9/1/18	8/31/21		Mayor
6	M	3	8.	Commissioner	Jerry Everard	9/1/18	8/31/21	2	City Council
3	F	6	9.	Commissioner	Paula Olivia Nava Madrigal	9/1/18	8/31/21		Mayor
2	F	3	10.	Commissioner	Sharlese J. Metcalf	9/1/18	8/31/21	2	City Council
3	F	6	11.	Commissioner	Judi Martinez	9/1/18	8/31/21		Mayor
1	F	2	12.	Chair	Reese Tanimura	9/1/18	8/31/21	2	City Council
2	M	2	13.	Commissioner	Benjamin N. Hunter	9/1/18	8/31/21	2	Mayor
1	M	7	14.	Commissioner	Nate Omdal	9/1/18	8/31/21	1	City Council
			15.	Commissioner	vacant	9/1/18	8/31/19		Mayor
6	F	2	16.	Commissioner	Melissa Darby	9/1/19	8/31/22	2	City Council
			17.	Commissioner	vacant	9/1/18	8/31/19		Mayor
1	M	2	18.	Commissioner	Daniel D. Pak	9/1/19	8/31/22	2	City Council
			19.	Commissioner		9/1/18	8/31/19		Mayor
			20.	Commissioner	vacant	9/1/18	8/31/19		City Council
			21.	Commissioner	vacant	9/1/18	8/31/19		Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	1				1				1			
Council	5	4			3	2				4			
Other													
Total	6	5			3	3				5			

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List *gender identity*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and voluntary.