

When searching for a music job post graduation, or even to test the waters of a different major, it is important to build your resume and to stand out from your peers in applying for jobs. Internships are a great way to get some hands on experience dealing with music in the real world, as well as getting a little bit of extra cash on the way.

Also, these following internships are not the only music internships out there. Through a little bit of your own research, you can find a perfect fit for what you want to explore. The following websites are a great resource to start the search.

<http://www.YouIntern.com>  
<http://www.music-internships.com/>  
<http://www.musicalchairs.info>  
<http://www.orchestraljobs.com>  
<http://www.artsadministration.org/>

### **Music Cooperation Internships**

#### Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

[http://www.bluelake.org/employment\\_staff.html](http://www.bluelake.org/employment_staff.html)

While Blue Lake is not 'technically' an internship, it provides the music educator a lasting experience as a camp counselor. Staff members are also encouraged to audition to play in staff ensembles, as well as to be able to assist faculty members in teaching.

#### Interlochen

<http://www.interlochen.org/departments/human-and-institutional-resources>

Interlochen offers many staff positions year round. Positions range from camp counselor to orchestral string repair. Almost anything involved with music can be utilized in this summer job. There are also jobs in administration and public relations.

#### Drum Corps International

<http://www.dci.org/internships/>

DCI provides a wide amount of choices in an internship. While all deal directly with drum corps, those who participate in the programs are able to work with drum corps in a different light, such as working in public relations or even as a photography intern. The above link provides blurbs about each internship, and below are some of interest to music majors who would like to broaden themselves.

Event Operations Intern, summer position.

Ticketing Operations and Sales intern, summer position.

Merchandise Intern, summer position.

Public Relations Intern, summer position.

#### Music for All (Bands of America)

<http://www.musicforall.org/aboutus/jobs.aspx#Seasonal>

Bands of America runs an internship program through Music for All. Interns can choose a path such as marketing, administration, and public relations. The internships range from fall and seasonal positions. The summer internships are in highest demand, and include marketing, development, band relations, copyright, volunteer management and marketing/merchandise intern. Interns can expect up to 900 dollars per month as a stipend.

Percussive Arts Society

<http://www.pas.org/experience/internship.aspx>

While this internship is recommended for percussion students, it is an invaluable experience for any music educator. "PAS interns acquire broad industry experience by assisting with a variety of staff projects, including those relating to music products, teaching, concert production, publishing, artist management, and marketing." Internships run for a 6 months period and provide a stipend of 1,200 dollars per month.

USSBA/ Youth Education in the Arts

[http://www.yea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Internship\\_Program](http://www.yea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Internship_Program)

"Interns are assigned to a department or project as their primary focus. To provide the widest breadth of experience interns are encouraged to assist in many departments within the organization. Interns work with the intern coordinator to develop a list of learning objectives and goals." In addition to office internships with YEA!, interns can also work with the Cadets during the season.

## **Drum Corps Internships**

It is important to note that all drum corps are different, but compensation for your time offered will be given. Some corps only offer around 500-700 dollars for the entire summer, but keep in mind that your living, transportation, and food will all be covered for while on tour. Most Drum Corps do not advertise internships, but almost all accept interns. Getting into contact with administration with your desired corps is key if you cannot find information on their website.

Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps

[http://www.bostoncrusaders.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=110&Itemid=5](http://www.bostoncrusaders.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=110&Itemid=5)

- Has a 2010 administrative position still available.

Duties include performing administrative duties, hospital and airport runs, and almost everything in between. Since drum corps travel, you will also be expected to stay on tour for the whole duration.

Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps

[http://www.bluestars.org/staff\\_application.php](http://www.bluestars.org/staff_application.php)

Duties include performing administrative duties, hospital and airport runs, and almost everything in between. Since drum corps travel, you will also be expected to stay on tour for the whole duration.

The Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps

[http://www.yea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Internship\\_Program](http://www.yea.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Internship_Program)

Summer interns are expected to work closely with the administration team, do hospital and airport runs, as well as behind the scenes management. In addition to working with the Cadets, the intern can also apply for YEA! Sponsored internships during the fall/winter season.

Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps

[http://www.madisonscouts.org/Madison\\_Scouts/Staff.html](http://www.madisonscouts.org/Madison_Scouts/Staff.html)

Summer internships vary from administrative, to brass teaching, and to visual teaching. Brass, visual and guard tech interns would abide by their respective caption head, and lots of observation is involved. These positions are recommended for education majors to get a very different experience of teaching.

Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps

[http://carolinacrown.org/web/index.php?option=com\\_contact&view=category&catid=12&Itemid=443](http://carolinacrown.org/web/index.php?option=com_contact&view=category&catid=12&Itemid=443)

Summer internships include administrative work, as well as the ability to be a summer food manager. Your duties would include creating and managing the summer tour meals of producing breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack, as well as keeping a running inventory of food and supplies

Spirit Drum and Bugle Corps

<http://www.spiritdrumcorps.org/>

Duties include performing administrative duties, hospital and airport runs, and almost everything in between. Since drum corps travel, you will also be expected to stay on tour for the whole duration.

## **Orchestra Internships**

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.atlantasymphony.org/Community/Interns.aspx>

Internship positions include administrative, secretary, music library assistant, conducting, and a wide array of other options.

Boston Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.bsomusic.org/main.taf?p=3,8,2>

Interns are expected to write and edit press releases, participate in publicity, planning and strategy sessions, prepare, organize and distribute press clippings and other press materials. Also, the intern will be expected to pitch to the local media, write additional press materials, do small bits of clerical work and additional projects as assigned based on department needs.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.detroitssymphony.com/Pages/60.backstage-unpaid-internships.aspx>

Positions include library, financing, human resources, archives, public relations, marketing, development and administrative internships.

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

<http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/artsmanagement/internships/>

“Approximately 20 students are selected each semester to participate in a three to four month long, full-time (37.5-40 hours per week) internship (Fall, September-December; Winter/Spring, January-May). Internships may be available in advertising, development, education (local and national programs), National Symphony Orchestra, press relations, production, programming, technology, volunteer management, and finance.”

Eastern Music Festival

<http://www.easternmusicfestival.org/employment.php>

“Although the following internships are unpaid positions based on the hours worked at EMF, each intern will receive a stipend to cover expenses associated with meals and travel. Room and Board is included for non-local, full-time interns and summer staff.”

Administrative Internships

Executive Internships

Music Library

Piano Technician Internships

In addition to working as an intern during the festival, the interns would also be performing in the professional faculty orchestra under noted conductors.

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra

[http://www.philorch.org/employment\\_administration.html](http://www.philorch.org/employment_administration.html)

Provides marketing, public relations, and summer development internships.