

I want to be a . . . Musician

Initial Career Steps:

- If you are a beginning musician, it is especially important to consider taking some private lessons with an experienced musician; they can help you understand the fundamentals of music as well as identify and cultivate your musical strengths.
- Not many people become a musical virtuoso overnight. Developing your talent as a musician takes time and LOTS of practice. Set aside a few hours per week to practice playing your instrument(s).
- Make a name for yourself by getting to know people in the music-making community; they may have useful information about different musical venues or help you find other musicians to collaborate with.
- Another way to identify your musical strengths and weaknesses is to share your music and ask working musicians and professionals in the field for some valuable feedback.
- A musician's demo is like a resume. Potential employers will want to know what you have to offer before they book your gig (performance). Record several samples of your music using software and show off your musical talent!

Local Resources:



-- Austin Music Foundation:
<http://www.austinmusicfoundation.org/>

-- Red Leaf School of Music:
<http://www.redleafschoolofmusic.com/>

-- Orpheus Academy of Music:
<http://www.orpheusacademy.com/>

--Texas Musicians:
<http://www.texasmusicians.net/>

--Texas Music Office:
<http://governor.state.tx.us/music/>