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Hartford Public Library Seeks Submissions from Hartford Musicians for *The Beat*

Submission Round Closes June 23, 2023

(Hartford, CT) Hartford Public Library (HPL) seeks submissions for HPL's ***The Beat***, an online streaming service that offers a collection of diverse, local music through its user-friendly digital platform thebeathartford.co.

Musicians are invited to submit three full length tracks representative of their overall work online at thebeathartford.co. Artists across all genres are encouraged to apply. A jury will review submissions and select albums to be included in the collection. Musicians whose music is accepted into the collection will be asked to upload an entire album and sign a licensing agreement. Selected musicians will receive an honorarium of \$250. Works must have been produced within the last five years. Up to 10 new albums per year will be accepted in several submission rounds. A full list of submission criteria is available at thebeathartford.co.

The Beat collection of songs can be played 24/7 by all online users. Only HPL library card holders can download the recordings to play later. Musicians selected for this collection may also be invited to perform in concerts organized by HPL and The Bushnell.

This year's jury reviewing album submissions include: Andres Chaparro, Yolande Spears, Maurice Robertson, June Archer, Elijah 'EliDidThat' Williams, Stephen Cusano and Jocelyn Pleasant.

The Beat album submission round is open now through June 3, 2023.

About Hartford Public Library

First established in 1774 and formerly recognized as a public library in 1893, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st century. With locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. www.hplct.org.