

# Fair Trade Music Seattle (426 USD)



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Fair Trade Music Seattle is a grassroots campaign dedicated to raising the standard of living for all working musicians in the Seattle area. Although it has support from the musicians' union, it's composed of both union and non-union musicians and no membership fee is required to join in the discussions.

At their first public meeting in August 2012, musicians had an opportunity to discuss with each other what kind of problems they were facing. One issue that came up was the difficulty club musicians have with unloading and loading their gear at area venues. Many music clubs are in heavily congested areas, and musicians are faced with either toting heavy instruments and equipment long distances or risking parking violations.

With the help of the Musicians' Association of Seattle (the musicians' union), Fair Trade Music worked with the Seattle Music Commission, the Mayor's Office of Film and Music, the Seattle Department of Transportation and area club owners to come up with a solution to the problem. The result has been "musician loading zone" signs at four locations: the Crocodile and Tula's in Belltown, High Dive in Fremont, the Showbox by Pike Place Market and the Triple Door in downtown Seattle.

If you like what we are doing and have more ideas of what would help working musicians in Seattle please come to a meeting or contact Paul Bigman at [paul\(at\)local76-493.org](mailto:paul(at)local76-493.org)

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