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# Building Your Brand: Making Meaningful Connections in the Music Industry

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## Today's Agenda

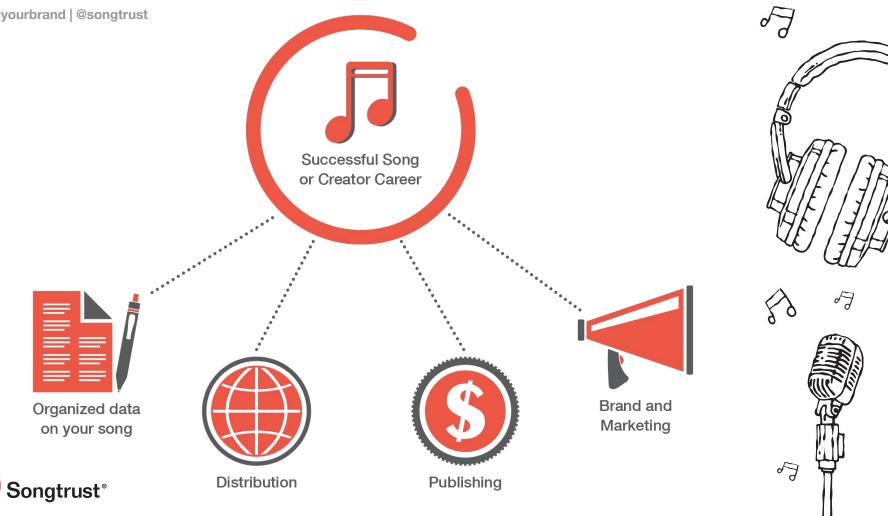
Today we'll:

- Understand how you can set yourself apart from other creators and how to think of your brand as a business
- Discuss the **importance of networking** to building your brand as a creator, including **tips on how to make the most of your connections**
- Learn how to **network on a dime** -- utilizing local events, maximizing your time, and building long-lasting connections without the need of external services
- Better **navigate the music industry through connections** with publishers, labels, managers, and the use of industry events









## **Networking in the Music Industry**

### What it is

### An opportunity for a creator to further their career and establish themselves within the industry by creating connections within the music industry and utilizing the resources available to them.

### A chance to harass, bombard, or sell your music to others in your community whether it be through cold-emails, "potential investments", or listening sessions, etc.

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## Why is networking important?

- Creating a valuable community
  - Setting up an extensive and valuable community early on will help you when it matters most. Rather than being reactive when you need something, be **proactive**.
- Set yourself apart from the rest
  - Part of building your community is establishing a list of resources when you need help, but the other part is lending your own experiences and skills to them in return. This builds trust and sets you apart from the rest who expect something for nothing in return.









### **Creator Networks**







## **Conferences & Festivals**

#### • Research, research, research

• Whether its a conference or a festival, research what the audience will be. Knowing who'll be attending will help you be more strategic about where you go and who you'll meet.

#### Have an action plan

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 You want a general plan for while you're there so you're not wasting any time. If it's a conference, know where the booths are and which sessions you want to attend. For a festival, know which shows you want to see and where meet & greets happen.

#### • Strategically choose events

• You don't have to go to **every** event to be successful. Choose the ones that make the most sense for you and are within your budget. If you can't attend the actual conference, hang out near the event center and capitalize on happy hours, events, and local spots that attendees might frequent when not at the event.



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Fees	15% fee on publishing royalties administered. Client recieves 85%	Varying percentage of all royalty streams including upwards of 50%
Tech	Technology focused and client centered	Offline, manual process

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\$100/writer







## **Questions & Answers**





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