

Job Role in the Performance Area of Music Industry

Unit 1 – Task 2

Performer:

A performer is someone who entertains and performs for a crowd of people. A performer must have unique musical skill, and have lots of confidence. They sing and/or play one or more musical instruments. They might also include dance and movement as part of their performance. They may compose their own work, use material written by someone else or perform covers of other musicians' work. Musicians need a combination of outstanding talent, determination and luck. Popular musicians work long and irregular hours, including evenings and weekends.

Musicians need to work with others in the music industry to be successful. They need to work with people like Roadies and Sound Technicians. Without roadies there would be no one to sort out equipment, lights etc. You can't expect a band to set up all the equipment and pack it away again after the show. This is how Roadies and Performers work well together so they're both successful.

Sound Technicians are very important when working with performers. They assist with sourcing and pre-recording of sound effects so that they are prepared when the performers actually perform. They also rig up microphones and cables and carry out preliminary sound checks. They operate the sound desk during each live performance, switching between microphones and balancing the sound so the performance goes smoothly and is successful. Sound technicians also clean, maintain equipment, and replace faulty parts where necessary to ensure the performance runs smoothly.

Performers also need to work with record producers. They are vital to the Musicians career if they want to record a single or even an album. They are experts and have experience in this, and they will help you in recording the album properly. They do all sorts of things, like talking through ideas with artists, listening to demos, selecting songs to record, choosing the right studio, the budget, finalizing recording schedules, booking rehearsal time, directing musicians and singers during the recording and keeping everyone motivated and focused overseeing the mixing of all the different elements of a track or album until the right sound is achieved.

With a lot of musicians, composers are used. They do things like writing musical compositions for the musician, writing lyrics, applying musical knowledge, etc. So, some (but not all) performers use composers to help them. Although some people would argue that using a composer for things like writing songs and using their lyrics as your own makes a performer talentless.

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