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A flurry of earnings reports for the quarter ended Sept. 30 show a continued divide in the music...

HYBE Revenue Up 38% on Concerts, But Lagging Album Sales Drive Unprofitable Quarter

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K-pop music giant HYBE said on Monday that concerts by BTS member Jin, SEVENTEEN and TOMORROW X...

Tencent Music's Super-VIP push drives music subscription revenues up 17.2% in Q3

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Music revenue was driven up by increased ARPPU and continued growth in its Super-VIP subscription...

TuneCore has paid out over \$5 billion to self-releasing artists to date

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TuneCore has paid out around \$1 billion since June 2024, or about \$59 million per month until...

Music's value to the UK economy was £8bn in 2024

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The UK music industry's contribution to the country's economy was a record £8bn in 2024, while...

Streaming drove 21% growth for Sony Music revenues in Q3 2025

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Sony Music's parent corporation has published its financial results for the third quarter of 2025...

3 things you might have missed from Live Nation's 2025 Investor Presentation

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MBW Explains is a series of analytical features in which we explore the context behind major music...

BeatStars has paid creators over \$400m to date. CEO Abe Batshon wants 1 million musicians to earn a living from his platform

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1.5 million tracks are downloaded monthly from BeatStars' marketplace of 11 million-plus beats ...

Investments, Acquisitions, & Partnerships

un:hurd, valued at \$11.8M, opens crowdfunding campaign after seven-figure funding round

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The platform's community of 185,000 artists and labels will be able to buy into the company for as...

GoDigital Music acquires DIY distributor Octiive, forms European HQ in Zurich

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Octiive has served more than 20,000 artists and over 3,000 labels since its launch Source

Songscription raises \$5M in funding as 'Shazam for sheet music' platform reaches 150K users

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The platform currently supports piano, violin, flute, guitar, bass guitar, and trumpet, with plans...

Yes, there is an AI investment bubble – here are three scenarios for how it could end

The Conversation

Koshiro K/ShutterstockBooms and busts are a recurring feature of modern economics, but when an...

Stingray Group is buying radio-aggregator TuneIn for \$175m

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The last time we were writing about radio-aggregation firm TuneIn, it was in August when it added...

Australian ticketing firm TEG acquires Twenty3 Live, launches in-house creative agency Ovation amp

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TEG has bought Twenty3 Live's six-person team into its organization and established Ovation amp,...

African streaming service Hafrikplay to raise \$5m funding round

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Nigeria-based music service Hafrikplay is raising a \$5m Series A funding round according to a...

Dune raising £2m for platform where fans buy stakes in artists

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GoDigital raises \$230m and plans to rebrand Cinq Music

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AI Is Sure to Transform the Music Biz. Opinions Vary on Exactly How.

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AI was an omnipresent topic at the Music Tectonics conference in Santa Monica, Calif., earlier this...

Music Industry Players Sound Off on the UMG-Udio Deal: 'It's a Calculated Risk'

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On Oct. 29, Universal Music Group (UMG) announced a landmark deal with AI music startup Udio. As...

Taylor Swift's Style, on Demand? Udio and UMG's AI Music Deal Raises Big Questions

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Under a new partnership between Universal Music Group (UMG) and Udio, Taylor Swift will soon be...

Deezer Now Says It Receives Roughly 50,000 New Fully AI-Generated Songs Daily

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French streaming service Deezer reported on Wednesday (Nov. 12) that roughly 50,000 songs delivered...

Music Videos Are Coming to Spotify in the U.S. and Canada

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Spotify is rolling out music videos to its users in the U.S. and Canada, the company confirmed with...

New streaming app Coda Music is rolling out tools for labeling and blocking AI-generated tunes

Engadget

At this point, the streaming music landscape feels pretty well settled. Giants like Spotify,...

Spotify and NMPA strike a deal... on 'audiovisual opportunities'

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Spotify and the National Music Publishers Association (NMPA) have been at loggerheads for some time...

Hayley Williams taps Openstage to shut touts out of her tour

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'Hayley Williams At A Bachelorette Party' is set to be a hot ticket in 2026, with Williams...

Amazon Music tests social features with 'Fan Groups' in Canada

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For many years, most music-streaming services gave social features a swerve, seeming comfortable...

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Fresh from signing pioneering music-licensing deals with Merlin and Kobalt, AI firm ElevenLabs now...

Music-mashups app Mixy has attracted 1.5m users since launch

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The latest startup hoping to make a business out of music mashups is Mixy, founded by tech...

Epidemic Sound unveils AI 'Studio' tool to generate video soundtracks

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Studio analyzes uploaded videos and generates a synchronized soundtrack using music from its...

Overtune is building a 'virtual music studio' for Roblox

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We know Icelandic startup Overtune best for its music-creation app. We last wrote about it in April...

UMG's Udio deal prompts questions from Irving Azoff and the Music Artists Coalition

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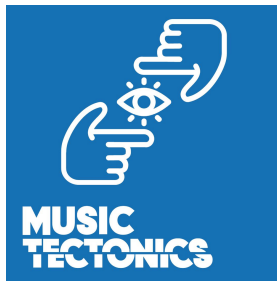
"Artists must have creative control, fair compensation and clarity about deals being done based on...

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Reddit cofounderEddie Keogh - The FA/The FA via Getty Images; SAUL LOEB/AFP via Getty ImagesReddit...

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