

I welcome you to blog with me here at I Enjoy Music.

If you have blogged before, great. If you have never blogged before, that's cool too. I would like other people to contribute their vibes to the site!

What I am looking for: writing about music that you care very deeply about, from any time period, no artist too big or too small; writing in your own weird and groovy voice; writing that is personal in any particular way; writing that you are willing to allow to be edited by moi to reach basic spelling and grammar correctness; writing from people from all walks of life and all music/writing experience (it is okay if you have never written for a blog before in your life!); writing in unconventional formats; writing about not just music itself, but music labor, music technology, music commerce, music community.

Examples: local scene reports, live show recaps, personal musical obsessions that make you go "Why is no one talking about this??", Music Moots™ (that's where you ask a friend to recommend a song to listen to, and then write about it), or of course, good old fashioned interviews with music folks.

What I am *not* looking for: album or song reviews, straight-up news, track or video premieres (not yet anyway), rehashed press releases, giving music a score or ranking.

What I would most like to publish: any kind of writing that celebrates musical connections and musical interactions, writing that proves music doesn't exist in a vacuum, but is rather created by people, and experienced by people, and no one experiences it exactly the same way. [*"Sweet Disposition" by The Temper Trap starts playing for some reason*]

Payment: I'm paying \$50/post. For transparency's sake, I will say that I Enjoy Music is not currently a robust money-making enterprise (though I am starting to make some \$ with merch!), so writing fees are coming out of my own pocket for the time being; in the startup world, I believe this would be called 'bootstrapping.' But I can publish as many as 4 guest posts a month. Also I am aware that online payments sometimes deal in sensitive info (like legal names that might not match your actual name!)—I promise to handle such info with discretion.

How this will work

- Email me at ienjoymusicblog@gmail.com with the subject line: WRITING PITCH
- Introduce yourself, share any relevant links (published writing if you have it, a link to your own blog, etc.) and share a little bit about your idea
 - Example: "*I would like to write a blog about why I love songs that have the word AND as the first word in the lyrics*"
- If your pitch has been accepted:
 - When your blog is ready, share a google doc with edit access to ienjoymusicblog [at] gmail [dot] com. The doc should contain:
 - The text of your blog, incl. a suggested title for it
 - Your name (or your nom de blog) and your pronouns
 - A short bio written in the third person, including any links to your social media profiles in case you want those in there

Thank you for your potential interest in this blog venture. Send any general questions or inquiries to ienjoymusicblog@gmail.com as well. ❤, Molly Mary O'Brien