



State of New Mexico
Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-022

ESTABLISHING THE NEW MEXICO MUSIC COMMISSION

WHEREAS, music has a significant social and economic impact on communities throughout the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich and culturally diverse musical heritage and it is imperative that the State's multicultural musical heritage be further preserved and protected;

WHEREAS, at present, New Mexico lacks a comprehensive system to support and promote music and musicians and lacks appropriate coordination of music resources throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, music and musicians in New Mexico should benefit from the success other industries in New Mexico have achieved, such as the State's ever-growing film industry.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of New Mexico, do hereby establish the New Mexico Music Commission (hereinafter "Commission").

The Commission shall be administratively attached to the Department of Cultural Affairs, specifically located within the New Mexico Arts Division and appropriately funded with relevant state and/or federal funds. The Department of Cultural Affairs shall provide to the Commission an Executive Director, appointed by the Governor, who shall be exempt from the State Personnel Act, L. 1961, ch. 240, as amended. The duties of the Executive Director shall include:

1. Working with the Commission to further the purpose and duties of the Commission;
2. Developing an online and printed clearinghouse for information supporting New Mexico musicians and the music industry--such as recording studios, record companies, venues and performances--as well as a clearinghouse for music opportunities for children and students;
3. Serving as a liaison with the New Mexico Film office to identify opportunities for the State's musicians and as liaison with the Tourism Department to promote music festivals in the State; and
4. Working with the State Folklorist and Folk Arts Coordinator to preserve and protect New Mexico's musical heritage.

The Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and be comprised of members who represent the musical traditions and music industry of the state. Each member serves at the pleasure of the Governor and the Governor shall select the Chair and Vice-Chair. Members serve voluntarily and receive no pay for their services and the State is not obligated to reimburse members for travel and subsistence expenses. The duties of the Commission shall include:

1. Working with the Executive Director to further the purpose and duties of the Commission;
2. Developing a directory of musical services, venues and performances in New Mexico;
3. Proposing and evaluating proposals for specific projects that will protect New Mexico's musical traditions;
4. Promoting musicians and the music industry in New Mexico; and
5. Recommending to the Governor statutory and regulatory changes necessary to carry out its duty to protect, promote and preserve New Mexico's musical traditions and music industry.

The Commission shall provide annual findings and recommendations to the Governor no later than December 1 of each year.

THIS ORDER supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:



REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2005

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

