

**Th U.S Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem Announces  
OneBeat Virtual**

**Application Deadline: March 10, 2021**

*The U.S Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem and OneBeat are pleased to announce an exciting new series of virtual exchanges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. OneBeat Virtual will digitally convene 70 musicians from up to 44 countries and territories in two separate virtual exchanges taking place July 12-September 6, 2021 and September 20-November 17, 2021. Each program will offer a fully virtual residency and exchange programs with musicians from around the globe. Over the course of eight weeks, OneBeat Virtual Fellows will investigate new forms of virtual collaboration, write, produce and perform genre-defying work, attend virtual masterclasses, lead online workshops, and produce a streaming concert for the public. Fellows will also have the opportunity to pursue self-directed projects during the fellowship. These projects will address a particular community and focus on community engagement.*

*OneBeat is seeking applicants who excel in the following areas:*

*Musical Excellence & Innovation – A high level of performance, composition, improvisational, production and/or technological skill.*

*Social Engagement – Musicians who have used music to serve their communities or greater societies. This might consist of guiding young people in music education, addressing social-political issues, reviving dying musical traditions, etc.*

*Collaboration – Applicants’ willingness to reach across cultural and musical divides in creating original music or re-interpreting traditional music, while respecting the essence of each tradition.*

**Participant Qualifications**

- Applicants must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Applicants must be between the ages of 19-35 during the program dates.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to their communities and eagerness to seek new ways to use music to engage in youth development, conflict resolution, overcoming cultural barriers, work towards more egalitarian and democratic societies, and other avenues in which music can serve the greater society.
- Musicians who demonstrate both an advanced proficiency in their musical work, and an experience with or interest in developing ways to use music as a way to improve their communities.
- Applicants must demonstrate basic English proficiency in order to participate in ensembles and creative sessions.

**Important Note:**

- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

**Application Deadline and Inquiries:** Please submit an online application through the OneBeat website at: <https://onebeatvirtual2021.fsn-apply.org/> by March 10, 2021.

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** For more information, please email [Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov](mailto:Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov).

**Gaza Applicants:** For more information, please email [JerusalemGazaexchanges@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemGazaexchanges@state.gov)