



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## Hunter Mill District is the Music Capital of Fairfax County

Whether it's pop, punk, alt rock, opera or classical, Hunter Mill District is clearly the music capital of Fairfax County.

Without even mentioning all the live musicians, here just a few of the famous musicians and bands that got their start in the Hunter Mill District or still live and work here:

Let's start with Reston native and South Lakes High School graduate **Benny Blanco**. He's a prolific producer and songwriter and he's half of a musical and celebrity power duo with his collaborator and fiancé Salena Gomez. Benny has produced 29 number-one hits, working with Ariana Grande, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, Eminem and Rihanna, just to name a few.

**This alone qualifies as a mic-drop moment — but let me go on.**

Let's not forget about Reston-based band **Red Gold Green** — also South Lakes High School alumni. This trio melds rock, hip-hop, funk, and go-go, and they've worked with legends Pharrell Williams and Dave Grohl who played drums on one of their albums. Red Gold Green's music has also featured in video game Madden NFL.

Then, there are **punk legends Avail**. The band got their start in Reston in the late 80s, and most of its members attended South Lakes too.

And what about **mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Bishop** who lives in Reston. She's won a Grammy for her work in the Ring cycle with the Metropolitan Opera. And, of course, we've also got the **Reston Choral and Reston Community Orchestra**.

So, I think what we've learned is that **when you say “capital,” you actually mean the Hunter Mill District — or maybe even more specifically South Lakes High School** is the epicenter of the music capital.

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