

The following list is a timeline of musicbyskippy's fellowships, awards and accolades.

2024

- *February 2024 to June 2024*

Selected 1 of 3 librettists for Lyric Opera of Kansas City and No Divide KC's inaugural "Come As You Are: Vulnerability In The Concert Space" fellowship. This was a national call for entries. Over the course of five months, 3 librettist fellows paired with 3 composer fellows to craft 3 original operettas, short-form opera performances. As a librettist fellow, Luke "Skippy" Harbur paired with composer fellow Joey Willete to create a 10-minute, 12-page operetta called "Working Hard & Hardly Working." This is a one-sentence description of the work pulled from the Dramatis Personae, the one-page summary from the libretto: three employees (Screwdriver Person, Hammer Man, and Paintbrush Lady) have 10 minutes to assemble a piece of furniture or else they'll get financially penalized. Awarded \$1,000 for selection.

- *January 2024 to April 2024*

Selected 1 of 8 artists for Starlight Theatre and Heartland Arts KC's fourth annual "Heartland" fellowship. This was a city-wide call for entries. Over the course of 12 weeks, 8 artists co-collaborated with Executive Artistic Director Logan Stacer to craft a 60-minute sketch comedy performance. The fellowship's mission focuses on performance as a medium for restorative justice, emphasizing how artists can use their platforms to educate, entertain, and inspire the public about social and political issues. Luke "Skippy" Harbur wrote sketch comedy and lyrics, acted, and rapped as Ben in "These Hands [Un]tied." He also listened to guest speakers covering policy possibilities pertaining to gun violence, which the show illustrated through a community at Northwest Southeast High School. Awarded \$1,000 for selection.

2023

- *Throughout the year's duration*

Total gigs booked: 56. Based on the total number of paid performances within a calendar year.

Exceeded 300,000 total song streams per report from music publishing company Tunecore.

Released 10 songs through 2 EPs and 1 single.

- *November 2023*

Winner of No Divide KC's "Integrity Award" for preserving and upholding high standards of art business ethics.

- *September 2023*

Nominee for Best Musician 2023, musicbyskippy by audience choice for The Pitch's "Best of Kansas City"

Nominee for Best New Local Album 2023, "These Songs Are Emotions" by audience choice for The Pitch's "Best of Kansas City"

- *August 2023*

Winner, *We Can Wish* awarded "Staff Pick" by Festival Technical Director at 30th Annual Minnesota Fringe in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Out of 101 shows considered, 4 "Staff Picks" awarded.

Selected as part of Minneapolis' *Star Tribune's* "11 Must See Shows at Minnesota Fringe 2023," Out of 101 shows considered, 11 selected.

Selected 1 of 4 state-wide artists for Missouri Arts Council's "Featured Artist Program." Awarded \$300 for representing artistic excellency in the state's arts programming.

- *May 2023*

Winner of Arts KC Inspiration Grant. Awarded \$2,500 for producing the “First Annual Comeback Cabaret,” a fundraiser for Olathe East High School’s theatre programming in Olathe, Kansas.

2022

- *Throughout the year’s duration*

Total gigs booked: 43. Based on the total number of paid performances within a calendar year.

Exceeded 10,000 total song streams per report from music publishing company Tunecore.

Released 30 songs through 2 albums, 1 EP, and 1 single.

- *December 2022*

Feature for Best Recordings 2022, “my dying wish” by staff choice for 90.1 KKFI’s Wednesday MidDay Medley radio show.

Feature for Best Album 2022, “my dying wish” by staff choice for 90.9 The Bridge’s 8160 radio show.

- *September 2022*

Nominee for Best New Local Album 2022, “my dying wish” by audience choice for The Pitch’s “Best of Kansas City”

- *June 2022*

Featured, “Musicians To Watch” by staff choice for The Pitch’s Infinite Playlist in Kansas City, Missouri

2021

- *August 2021*

Winner, *Here's Why Beatboxing Will Change Your Life* awarded "Best Variety Show" by audience choice at 17th Annual KC Fringe Festival in Kansas City, Missouri

Winner, *Here's Why Beatboxing Will Change Your Life* awarded "Best Music Show" by audience choice at 17th Annual KC Fringe Festival in Kansas City, Missouri

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