



# STEP 7

## ESSENTIAL CHECKLISTS



CHEAT SHEETS  
AND RESOURCE  
TOOLBOXES

# BENEFITS 1



**Building Anticipation and Buzz:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as seeing your fanbase grow exponentially as you strategically tease and build anticipation for your upcoming release.

Picture yourself creating a viral buzz around your music, with fans eagerly counting down the days to your release date.

**Maximized Exposure:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as enjoying increased media attention, with articles, interviews, and features showcasing your journey and music. Picture yourself being invited to high-profile interviews, podcasts, and radio shows, all because your strategic planning has caught the industry's eye.



# BENEFITS 2



## **Organized and Efficient Promotion**

Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as effortlessly managing a well-organized promotional campaign without the stress of last-minute planning.

Picture yourself executing a seamless marketing plan where every piece of content and every event is perfectly timed and coordinated.

**Enhanced Fan Engagement:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as deeply connecting with your fans through engaging content, interactive social media campaigns, and exclusive previews.

Picture yourself having a loyal fanbase that feels personally invested in your music journey, eagerly sharing your content and spreading the word.



# BENEFITS 3



**Boosted Sales and Streams:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as seeing a significant increase in your music sales and streaming numbers right from the release day.

Picture yourself topping charts and playlists, driven by a well-executed pre-release and post-release strategy.

**Stronger Brand Presence:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as establishing a stronger, more recognizable brand in the music industry.

Picture yourself being seen as a professional, highly organized artist whose every move is strategically planned and executed.



# BENEFITS 4



**Increased Media Coverage:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as receiving extensive media coverage, with your name and music appearing in top-tier publications and platforms.

Picture yourself becoming a regular feature in music magazines, blogs, and websites, thanks to the buzz generated by your strategic planning.

**Higher Engagement on Release Day:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as experiencing an explosion of activity on your release day, with fans streaming, downloading, and talking about your music nonstop.

Picture yourself trending on social media and seeing your release day metrics skyrocket.



# BENEFITS 5



**Long-Term Fan Loyalty:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as building long-term loyalty with fans who appreciate the effort and thought you put into your releases.

Picture yourself having a dedicated fanbase that sticks with you through every release, eagerly anticipating your next move.

**Opportunities for Collaborations:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as attracting the attention of other artists and industry professionals who want to collaborate with you.

Picture yourself being approached by top producers, artists, and brands, all wanting to work with you because of your proven track record of successful releases.



# BENEFITS 6



**Sustained Momentum:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as maintaining momentum long after your release, with a structured post-release plan that keeps the interest alive.

Picture yourself continuing to grow your audience and engagement weeks and months after your release, thanks to ongoing promotional activities.

**Professional Growth and Satisfaction:** Imagine the benefit of you after mastering this skill such as feeling a profound sense of accomplishment and professional growth as you see the results of your strategic efforts.

Picture yourself enjoying the lifestyle of a successful, organized, and highly respected music artist, reaping the rewards of your hard work and strategic planning.



# EXACTLY WHAT TO LEARN TO MASTER THIS SKILLSET

**Audience Analysis:** You'll have to learn how to identify and understand your target audience.

**Competitor Analysis:** You'll need to analyze competitors' release strategies to identify best practices and opportunities.

**Goal Setting:** You'll have to set clear, measurable goals for your release campaign (e.g., number of streams, social media engagement).





**Visual Assets:** You'll have to learn how to create cover art, promotional photos, and graphics that align with your brand.

**Teaser Content:** You'll need to develop teaser content such as snippets, behind-the-scenes footage, and countdown posts.



**Distribution Channels:** You'll have to choose and set up distribution channels (e.g., DistroKid, TuneCore).

**Release Date Selection:** You'll need to strategically select a release date that maximizes exposure.

**Press Kit Preparation:** You'll have to prepare a professional electronic press kit (EPK) with your bio, photos, and music links.



**Social Media Campaigns:** You'll need to plan and schedule social media posts to build anticipation.

**Email Marketing:** You'll have to create an email marketing campaign to inform your mailing list about the upcoming release.

**Influencer Outreach:** You'll need to identify and contact influencers who can help promote your song.



**Pre-Save Campaign:** You'll have to set up a pre-save campaign on streaming platforms to boost initial streams.

**Media Outreach:** You'll need to pitch your song to blogs, magazines, and radio stations for coverage.

**Fan Engagement:** You'll have to engage with fans through live streams, Q&A sessions, and exclusive previews.



**Launch Announcement:** You'll have to announce the release across all platforms with engaging posts and videos.

**Live Events:** You'll need to host live events, such as live streams or release parties, to celebrate with fans.

**Engagement Push:** You'll have to actively engage with fans, respond to comments, and share user-generated content.



# RESOURCES I RECOMMEND



I've learned from all of the resources I mention in here.

These are my favorites and most insightful, easy to learn from, resources that I can think of for you.

(Besides just joining my program)

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# Good Strategy Bad Strategy by Richard Rumelt



## Recommendation:

It provides a clear distinction between good and bad strategies, offering practical advice on crafting effective strategies.

## Key Insights:

The kernel of good strategy: Diagnosis, Guiding Policy, and Coherent Actions.

The importance of focusing on critical challenges and leveraging strengths.

The pitfalls of bad strategy, including fluff and failure to face challenges.



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# Blue Ocean Strategy

by W. Chan Kim and Renée Mauborgne

## Recommendation:

It introduces a groundbreaking approach to strategic planning that emphasizes creating new markets rather than competing in existing ones.

## Key Insights:

The concept of "blue oceans" and how to create uncontested market space.

Tools and frameworks for developing blue ocean strategies, such as the Strategy Canvas and Four Actions Framework.

The importance of value innovation in making the competition irrelevant.



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# The Art of Strategy

## by Avinash K. Dixit and Barry J. Nalebuff

### Recommendation:

It offers insights into game theory and strategic thinking applicable to business and personal decisions.

### Key Insights:

- The principles of game theory and strategic interaction.
- Techniques for anticipating competitors' moves and planning accordingly.
- The importance of credible commitments and strategic signaling.



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# Playing to Win by A.G. Lafley and Roger L. Martin



## Recommendation:

It provides a proven framework for strategic planning based on real-world success stories.

## Key Insights:

The five key choices for winning: Winning Aspiration, Where to Play, How to Win, Core Capabilities, and Management Systems.

The importance of making clear, decisive choices in strategy formulation.

Techniques for aligning organizational activities with strategic objectives.



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# Measure What Matters by John Doerr



## Recommendation:

It introduces the OKR (Objectives and Key Results) framework for setting and achieving ambitious goals.

## Key Insights:

The importance of setting clear, measurable objectives.

Techniques for aligning OKRs across the organization to drive focus and collaboration.

The role of continuous tracking and evaluation in achieving strategic goals.



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# TOOLS I RECOMMEND



## Strategyzer Toolkit

It offers practical tools for strategic planning, including the Business Model Canvas and Value Proposition Canvas.

### Key Insights:

- Techniques for visualizing and developing business models.
- Tools for identifying and creating compelling value propositions.
- Strategies for iterative testing and validation of business ideas.



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# Mind Tools Strategic Planning Toolkit

It provides a comprehensive set of resources for developing and implementing strategic plans.

## Resources

### Key Insights:

Frameworks for conducting SWOT and PEST analyses.

Techniques for setting strategic goals and objectives.

Tools for monitoring and evaluating strategic performance.



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# Harvard Business Review's Strategic Planning Kit

It includes tools and templates for creating effective strategic plans.

## Key Insights:

Techniques for analyzing competitive environments and market conditions.

Frameworks for aligning strategic initiatives with organizational goals.

Strategies for engaging stakeholders in the planning process.



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