## WHO'S GOT NEXT?

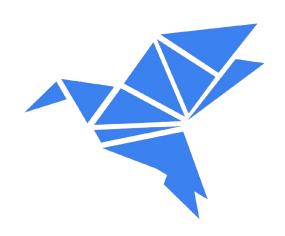
## **Business Model Scenarios**

*September 9, 2022* 





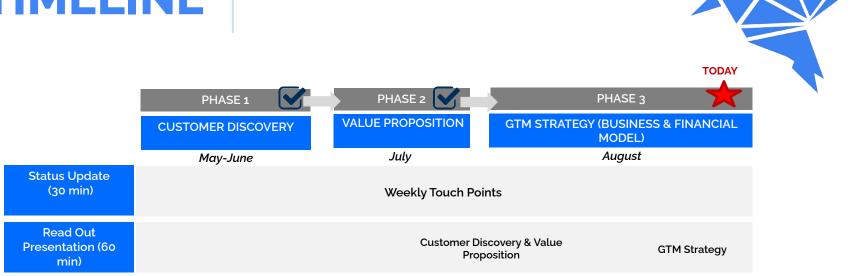
## I. PROJECT UPDATE



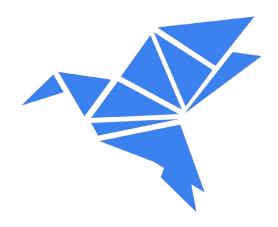


## Project TIMELINE

Today we will begin discovery for the GTM Strategy Creation phase of work.



# II. Business Model Review





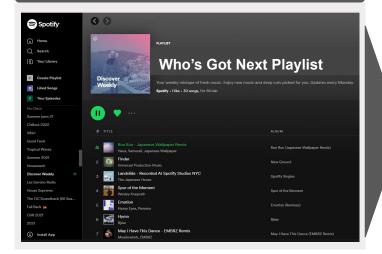
# Business Model Option 1

A discovery focused business that doesn't require custom technical build but still drives impact and value for artists.

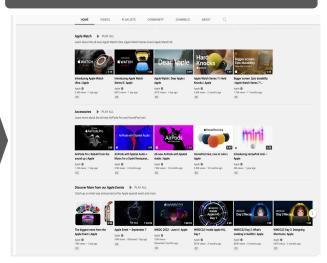


Business model option 1 includes a partnership-driven model, with no proprietary technology development.

## STREAMING PLATFORM



## **VIDEO HOSTING PLATFORM**



## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

## Pros:

- Costs reduced due to no tech development or purchase of beats necessary.
- More distribution for the artists.
- Focus is on become a discovery business.

## Considerations:

 Need to work out the contest mechanics and how many artists to showcase.

## **Revenue Opportunities:**

- Streaming Revenue
- Impression Revenue

# Business Model Option 2

The financial modeling was based off of a business model for a mobile-first music competition, with a video hosting partner.



The business model constructed includes a mobile-application competition with a subscription for musical artists to sign-up to compete in multiple competitions. Revenue is driven by the number of artists entering competitions and purchasing subscriptions.

## **ASSUMPTIONS**

- Number of competitions grows from 0 to 4 annually across 5 genres
- 2. Fan acquisition based off of musical artist acquisition

## **KEY REVENUE DRIVERS**

- 1. Number of competitions
- 2. Number of artists
- 3. Number of fans
- Number of content segments (impressions)

## **BUSINESS MODEL**

## **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Music listening platform hosting
- Music competition platform hosting

## **REVENUE STREAMS**

- Impressions
- Subscriptions

## COSTS

- Content production
- Marketing
- Music licensing (beats)
- HR (Tech, Sales, Exec)
- Prize

## **Business Model**Market Assumptions

To get to the population of musical artists and fans that are driving the model, we made the following assumptions, as outlined below.



## **Market Sizing**

## **Artists**

Total Addressable Market: 29M

Approach to establishing WGN Market share:

- Assumed 3,000 artists per competition
  - Assumed gradual growth to five genres each with a monthly competition
  - We assume no more than 10% of TAM penetration to equal the total number of musical artists

For subscriptions we assumed:

 A conversation rate of artists who entered competition converting into subscribers at 1% growing at a 10% rate

## **Fans**

Total Addressable Market: 79-80M

Approach to establishing WGN Market share:

- Assumed 30 fans/artist
- We assume no more than 10% of TAM penetration to equal to the total number of fans

## REFERENCES

Artist and fan acquisition is modeled in the tab 'Artist/Fan Acquisition'

These population sizes influence revenue generation via:

- Participation fees
- Subscription fees
- Advertising impressions

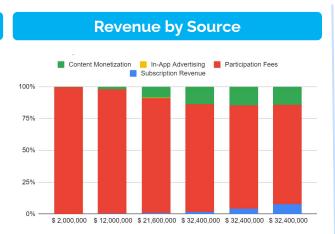
Subscription conversion is modeled in the tab 'Revenue & Costs'

## Business Model Revenue Overview

Revenue generation is based on the number of competitions that the business hosts.







## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Annual Revenue at Year 5: \$35.6M

Revenues are based on:

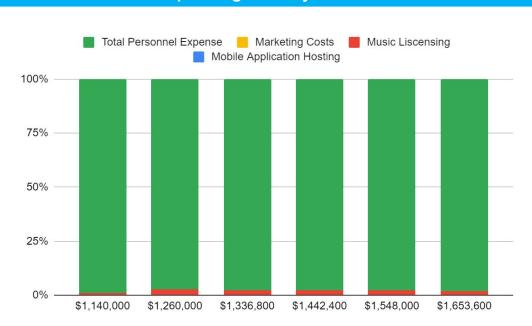
- Total Number of competitions
- Total # of Artists
- Total # of Fans

## Business Model OPEX Assumptions

Operating costs will be impacted by structure put in place for mobile application hosting and acquisition of beats. Today, employees make up most of the expense.



## **Operating Costs by Source**



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Primary OPEX levers:**

- Personnel
- Mobile Application Hosting
- Music Licensing

## **Assumptions:**

- No marketing spend
- Costs/Beat: \$80
- Beats Purchased: 100 quarter once competitions begin

## **Business Model Funding Considerations**

We outlined available funding opportunities, each one has benefits and limitations.



With initial costs from the first years of operations, there are several options to receive additional funding outside of cash flow, until the business is in a stable position.

FUNDING SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	BENEFITS	LIMITATIONS
Venture Capital	Venture Capital  Raise equity or debt funding from a venture capital fund		Industry driven on relationships Dilute ownership
Business Loan	Take a business loan from a financial institution	Maintain ownership	Stringent process to get accepted for a loan
Revenue Based Financing	sed Financing  Investors who will take a portion of profit annually  Maintain o Investors		Cuts into revenue earned. Investors are heavily involved and take larger amounts of equity but don't require an exit.
Crowdfunding	Raise money on a crowd-based platform such as Gofundme or Kickstarter	Maintain ownership Access to a wide network of supporters and less barriers to entry as VC	Stringent process for getting onto the platform, take a cut of the money raised

## V. NEXT STEPS & CLOSE





# Appendix

## **WHO'S GOT NEXT?**

# Customer Discovery and Value Proposition Read Out

August 5, 2022



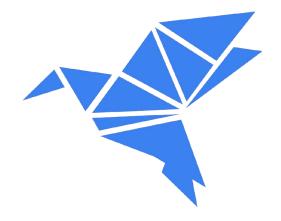


## **Executive SUMMARY**

Today, we will review the user personas created and value propositions by persona and for the business overall.

	GOALS	Activities	Outcomes
	What business model and platform design elements have been decided?	Interview business stakeholders	Platform design and business model design considerations
This Phase	Are there any limitations?		
	Who should we target?	Conduct 21 customer interviews across     persona segments	<ul> <li>User personas across three target</li> </ul>
	How do we acquire and engage this audience?	Perform secondary research on target market populations	markets  Business value propositions
Next Phase	What is the best-fit business model and platform design?	<ul> <li>Secondary research on target market segments and the industry</li> <li>Business modeling and analysis</li> </ul>	GTM Strategy (Business and Financial Model)

## **II. Persona Review**





## Persona **Overview**

User personas were created for the three key target markets, based on primary and secondary research, to inform business model and platform design.



We created 4 personas based on your 3 target market segments.

Fans

The Super Fan

**Artists** 

**The Rising Rapper** 

**Producers** 

The Influencer

**The Mix Master** 

## Methodology

## The Super Fan Persona



### Joseph Brown

"I listen to music when I am doing something and need some background noise - when I am working, walking, working out - if I can be listening to it - I am always listening to it!"

- Age: 28
- · Location: New York City
- · Occupation: Software Engineer
- · Income: 150K-200K annually

The 'Super Fan' will be early to discover the competition. He will be an active community participant and early promoter of the competition to other fans, motivating further participation.

### DESCRIPTION

· To find new music

Joseph is a busy professional. In his spare time, he frequents live music shows and even puts together his own music when he cannot find exactly what he is looking for. He loves the music community in New York and considers himself an active participant

## VALUE PROPOSITIONS

2 Contribute to a community of music lovers

- · Listen to music throughout day, while multitaskina · Share music and learn about new music from
- fans and artists that I follow Find high-quality up-and-coming artists

### PAIN POINTS

- · Low auality music Having to listen across different platforms to meet all
- · Paving for platform access and over-expensive concerts

### SOURCES FOR MUSIC

- Spotify
- To share music with friends and be known as the Apple Music "ao-to" for music recommendations
- · To connect with a community of music lovers
- · An easy and convenient listening experience

- Sound Cloud
- YouTube

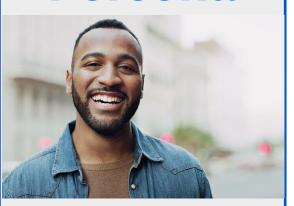
Personas are used to understand your target market, so that you can structure your business and design your platform to best meet their needs.

Tag Line: the strategic role of the persona in the competition **Description:** key persona traits to inform GTM

Value Propositions: the core value that the competition will provide to the persona to inform business model and competition design

Goals, Pain Points, Needs, and Sources For Music: used to gain an understanding of the key behaviors of the persona, implicative of how they will engage with the competition to inform business model, competition and platform design

## The Super Fan Persona



**Joseph Brown** 

"I listen to music when I am doing something and need some background noise - when I am working, walking, working out - if I can be listening to it - I am always listening to it!"

• Age: 20

Location: New York CityOccupation: Student

• Income: N/A

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The 'Super Fan' will be early to discover the competition. He will be an active community participant and early promoter of the competition to other fans, motivating further participation.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Joseph is a college student at NYU. In his spare time, he frequents live music shows and even puts together his own music when he cannot find exactly what he is looking for. He loves the music community in New York and considers himself an active participant.

## **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

- Build social influence via identification of new artists and sharing them with peers and family
- 2 Find new up-and-coming artists
- 3 Contribute to a community of music lovers

## **GOALS**

- Listen to music throughout day, while multitasking
- Share music and learn about new music from fans and artists that I follow
- Find high-quality up-and-coming artists

## **PAIN POINTS**

- Low quality music
- Having to listen across different platforms to meet all music needs
- Paying for platform access and over-expensive concerts

## **NEEDS**

- To find new music
- To share music with friends and be known as the "go-to" for music recommendations
- To connect with a community of music lovers
- An easy and convenient listening experience

- Spotify
- Apple Music
- Sound Cloud
- YouTube

## The Rising Rapper Persona



**Tony Woodard** 

"xxx!"

• **Age**: 28

• Location: Detroit, MI

• Income: 50-90K annually

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The 'Rising Rapper' is serious about his craft and dreams of pursuing his musical career full-time. He will leverage the competition as a platform to realize his musical ambitions.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Inspired by the Midwestern rap scene and his love for music – Tony is pursuing is an aspiring rapper. He is dedicated to making and promoting his music and doing everything he can to meet people in, and learn about, the music industry.

## **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

- 1 Exposure to a "mass" audience
- 2 Access to resources and capital to make music
- 3 Introductions to big names and labels

## **GOALS**

- Create high quality music that is well-received
- Create a brand for myself, beyond my music
- Understand how to promote myself effectively and navigate a career in music

## **PAIN POINTS**

- The opaqueness of the music industry and navigating a career in it
- Creating high-quality music with limited financial means
- Bogus resources and claims made to aspiring artists

## **NEEDS**

- Grow fan base
- Standout from all the music that is being created today by relative amateurs
- Access to the appropriate resources (professionals, marketing tools, etc.)

- Spotify
- TikTok
- Instagram

## The Influencer Persona



**Kevin Seymour** 

"I am passionate about music and would pursue it full-time if it was a financial reality."

• Age: 24

• Location: Los Angeles, CA

• Occupation: Actor / Music Producer

• Income: 50-80K annually

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The 'Influencer' pursues music production as a side hustle and is very active on social media for self-promotion. The competition would be a platform for him to generate new beats, meet new artists, and take his hustle to the next level.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Kevin is a creative living in LA, where he moved after college in order to pursue music professionally. He thrives on the community in his hometown and believes that social media can be used as an effective tool to grow his career.

## **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

- 1 Gain exposure to "mass" audience
- 2 Network with music industry professionals
- Create more beats and gain more music industry experience

## **GOALS**

- Effectively monetize my beats and brand to a point where I could pursue music full-time
- Gain a large-scale fan-base

## **PAIN POINTS**

- Finding opportunities in the music industry
- Understanding the publishing industry

## **NEEDS**

- · Connect with artists and fans
- Understand how to best promote myself
- Connect with music industry professionals (DJs, Producers, Musical Artists)

- TikTok
- Instagram
- YouTube
- Beatstars
- Spotify

## The Mix Master Persona



## Sasha Smith

"I would be excited to participate in a competition for the business and exposure. I generally license by beats by tiers based on skill of the musical artist – but right now I am just looking for sales."

- Age: 40
- Location: Los Angeles, CA
- Occupation: Music Producer / DJ /Teacher
- Income: 50-80K annually

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The 'Mix Master' has been mixing music professionally for

years and has a large library she licenses to musical artists.

Participating in the competition will give her another client and further publicize her beats.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Sasha is a music industry professional living in Los Angeles. She has been at it for a long time and thinks of it as her business. She creates her own beats and teaches music mixing to others. She enjoys outdoor activities in her spare time.

## **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

1 Monetize my beats library

2 Grow my client base

## **GOALS**

- To grow her music business via creating more music and securing more clients
- To get more deals with recording and production studios

## **PAIN POINTS**

- Not having complete control over her music and where it is placed or who it is used by
- Unsubstantiated claims from people in the industry
- Low-quality beats

## **NEEDS**

License her library to more prominent artists and production studios

- Apple Music
- Beatstars
- Linkedin
- Twitter
- Industry publications

# Business & Platform Insights Personas

Personas can be used to generate useful insights into platform and business model design considerations.









	Joseph Brown	Tony Woodard	Kevin Seymour	Sasha Smith
Persona	The Super Fan	The Rising Rapper	The Influencer	The Mix Master
Value Propositions	<ol> <li>Build social influence via identification of new artists and sharing them with peers and family</li> <li>Contribute to a community of music lovers</li> <li>Find new up-and-coming artists</li> </ol>	1. Exposure to a "mass" audience 2. Access to resources and capital to make music 3. Introductions to big names and labels	Gain exposure to "mass" audience     Network with music industry professionals     Create more beats and gain more music industry experience	1. Monetize my beats library 2. Grow my client base
Business Model Considerations	Reduced barriers to entry to participate (e.g., costs)     Consider hosting live events or live streaming events to promote engagement	Incentivize through monetary rewards and connections industry professionals     Ensure a certain level of quality among competitors	Promotion of name and brand	Industry-standard payment for beats
Platform Design	Ease of listening, continuous streaming	Ability to connect with fans and monitor	Ability to connect with fans and monitor	Understand which beats are used and for what

## Target Market Personas

We conducted additional analysis on the size of the target markets underlying each persona, to consider for how many fans, artists, and producers could be targeted for the competition.









Joseph Brown

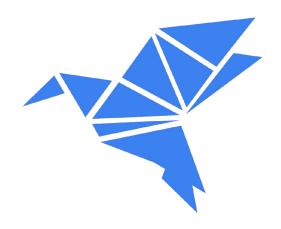
**Tony Woodard** 

Kevin Seymour

Sasha Smith

Persona	The Super Fan	The Rising Rapper	The Influencer	The Mix Master
Target Market Description	Digital-savvy interested in Hip/Hop and rap music	Generation Alpha – Gen-Z Black Professional musical artist	Gen-Z, pursues DJing and mixing beats as a side hustle	Generation Y Professional Music Producer
	44M	4,326	2 <b>M</b>	978K
	Calculation:	Calculation:	Calculation:	Calculation:
Target Market Sizing	US Population X % Listening to Hip-Hop/Rap X % Streaming Music	Musicians/Singers in the US X % Black of Total US Population x % Musicians Ages 20-30	Total DJ/Producers on Top Mixing Sites X % Market Share Top Sites X % Casual Users	Total DJ/Producers on Top Mixing Sites X % Market Share Top Sites X % Professional Users

# III. BUSINESS VALUE PROPOSITIONS





## Value Proposition **BUSINESS**

From identification of the best-fit target customer segments and better understanding the business considerations and limitations you currently face, we believe the business has 3 key value drivers.



## **Business Model Insights Overview**

/alue Driver 1	The platform would provide aspiring artists and producers with exposure to fans and industry
xposure	professionals

## Value Driver 2

Social/ Engagement The platform would serve as entertainment, as well as a social experience for fans to connect with one another, as well as follow artists that they are fans of

**Business Value Drivers** 

## Value Driver 3

Career Development The platform would provide increased transparency into a relatively opaque industry for aspiring musical artists and producers who have struggled with this, as well as additional resources to create and promote themselves.

## **Business Model Design Considerations**

- Ensure that artists and producers' names and brands are promoted as part of the competition
- Ensure some level of music quality for participants of the competition
- · Social engagement should be available on the platform
- Social capital or providing some value to fans based on their level of engagement – could encourage deeper participation
- Opportunity for live (either in-person or streaming) engagement with fans
- The reward for participation should balance the effort taken to participate
- Ensure access to stated industry professionals and resources to encourage participation
- Provide transparency into the resources provided, to best market to the intended target audience

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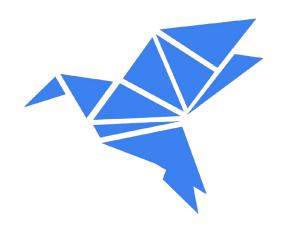
## **Business Model Discovery**

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# I. Competitive Landscape





## **Structures**

Music competition business models implemented include a range of structures from mobile-only to live performance driven. The structure of the competition determined **the infrastructure** and **financial structure** needed.



**Mobile-Only** 

Mobile & Live Streaming Streaming & Broadcast Live Performances



















- Businesses have failed here, likely due to inability to generate a captive audience
- 2 types of businesses dominate this space: (1) consumer brand-produced on social platforms (e.g. Tiktok) and (2) self-contained competitions and streaming on proprietary platform
- Business model must include content creation and distribution
- Overhead costs increase substantially

- Mobile-platform becomes less relevant for live series
- High costs to participate and put on production

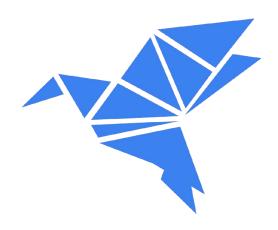
## Business Model Considerations

Music competition business models implemented include a range of structures from mobile-only to live performance driven. The structure of the competition determined **the infrastructure** and **financial structure** needed.



	Mobile-Only	Mobile & Live Streaming	Streaming/ Broadcast	Live Performance
Pros	● Lowest cost solution	<ul> <li>Lower-costs for production of content (versus streaming or broadcast platforms)</li> <li>Can leverage social media network audience (if working with outside provider)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High-potential revenue stream from selling distribution rights</li> <li>Can leverage network/streaming platforms captive audience</li> </ul>	High potential revenue stream from events tickets and merchandise sales
Cons	<ul> <li>Less engagement from fans</li> <li>Less personal in terms of getting to know artists</li> <li>Limited revenue streams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Greater need to design the platform and structure the competition to maintain fan engagement</li> <li>May need to implement mechanism to control for quality of music</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Must sell distribution rights to distribution platform - adds another activity to the business model</li> <li>Higher overhead costs for content production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High costs for live productions</li> <li>Must have a decent sized following in order to realize revenue opportunities</li> </ul>

# II. Who's Got Next Business Model





## Business Model Overview

A business model is composed of several key components.

For 'Who's Got Next' we have defined the *customers*component of the business model and now need to define the infrastructure and financing structure.



## Infrastructure

## **KEY PARTNERS**

Buyer-supplier relationships that reduce risk or help to carry out key activities; could be a partnership, alliance, or JV

## **KEY ACTIVITIES**

Activities to execute a businesses' value proposition

## **KEY RESOURCES**

Resources necessary to create value for customer; can be financial, human, physical or intellectual

## **Finances**

**COSTS** 

**REVENUE STREAMS** 

## Customers

## **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

How the business provides value to the customer, and what value that is (e.g. low costs); can be qualitative or quantitative

## CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

Type of relationship with customer to enable acquisition and retention (e.g. personal assistance or automated servicing)

## **CUSTOMER SEGMENTS**

Core target market

## **CHANNELS**

Where value proposition will be delivered

## Business Model Overview

We have already defined the core value propositions, the targeted customer segments, and that mobile will be one channel for the Who's Got Next business model. The infrastructure and finance structure has yet to be defined.



Infrastructure

**KEY PARTNERS** 

**KEY ACTIVITIES** 

**KEY RESOURCES** 

**Finances** 

COSTS

**REVENUE STREAMS** 

**Customers** 

## **VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

Enabling increase in social capital & artist promotion

CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS **CUSTOMER SEGMENTS** 

Digitally-native Gen Z

**CHANNELS** 

Mobile (one part)

## **Overview**

We believe there are 2 primary business models that Who's Got Next should pursue, given the mobile-platform focus.



## MOBILE & LIVESTREAM PARTNERSHIP

Mobile platform for hosting music competitions. Fans vote for their favorite artists to determine competition outcomes, based off of music uploads. Live stream events featuring platform artists accessible via partnership with live stream platform (e.g. Tiktok, Instagram, Facebook).

## MOBILE & LIVESTREAM PLATFORM

Mobile platform for hosting music competitions. Platform is enabled to live stream and fans vote for their favorite artists to determine competition outcomes, based off of music uploads and live streams.

## Business Model Options

Business model option 1:

Mobile and live streaming partnership



- Are there any **limitations** on the **key activities** that would prevent you from implementing this business model (e.g. can you create content? Can you leverage relationships to license content for distribution)?
- Are there any limitation on the costs associated with the business model or platform design and capabilities?
- What are your thoughts on the **feasibility** for achieving the outlined **revenue streams?**

## **KEY PARTNERS**

- Brand Sponsors
- Platform Sponsors (for live streaming)
- Platform Partners
   (for connected social media and music platforms)

## COSTS

- Platform development
- Music licensing (beats)
- Human Resources
- Content production

## **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Music/artist discovery
- Music uploads
- Music competitions (voting)
- Develop sponsor relationships
- Content creation and licensing

## **REVENUE STREAMS**

- Music licensing
- Sponsorships
- Advertising
- In-app purchases
- Participation Fees (Artist and)
- Content Licensing

## **KEY RESOURCES**

- Platform (IT)
  Business Resources
- Licensed Music (beats)
- Content

## **CUSTOMER**RELATIONSHIPS

- Self-service
- Artist promotion
- Competition instructions and results
- \*Song recommendations and automated playlists

## Business Model Options

Business model option 2:

Mobile and live streaming platform



- Are there any **limitations** on the **key activities** that would prevent you from implementing this business model (e.g. can you create content? Can you leverage relationships to license content for distribution)?
- Are there any limitation on the costs associated with the business model or platform design and capabilities?
- What are your thoughts on the feasibility for achieving the outlined revenue streams?

## **KEY PARTNERS**

- Brand Sponsors
- Platform Partners
   (for connection points to other music or social platforms)

## **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Music/artist discovery
- Music uploads
- Music competitions (voting)
- Develop sponsor relationships
- Content creation

## **KEY RESOURCES**

- Platform (IT)
   Business Resources
- Licensed Music (beats)
- Content

## COSTS

- Platform development
- Music licensing (beats)
- Human Resources
- Content production

## **REVENUE STREAMS**

- Music licensing
- Sponsorships
- Advertising
- In-app purchases
- Participation Fees (Artist and/or fan)

## CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

- Self-service
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## WHO'S GOT NEXT?

## **Business Model Scenarios**

August 31, 2022





## **Overview**

The financial modeling was based off of a business model for a mobile-first music competition, in partnership with a video-hosting platform.



The business model constructed includes a mobile-application competition with streamed content on a video platform (Youtube was used as the example platform to drive assumptions). Revenue is driven by the number of fans and the number of artists purchasing subscriptions.

## **ASSUMPTIONS**

- Each competition will include 6 episodes each and 4 days of listening
- 2. Fan acquisition driven by social media ads
- Purchase premium non-exclusive lease for beats

## **KEY REVENUE DRIVERS**

- Number of mobile application users
- 2. Number of content viewers
- 3. Number of artist subscribers

## **BUSINESS MODEL**

## **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- Content production
- Music listening and competition platform hosting
- Ad sales
- Music licensing

## **REVENUE STREAMS**

- Sponsorships
- Advertising (in-app and content)
- Music licensing
- Participation Fees
- Subscriptions

## COSTS

- Content production
- Marketing
- Music licensing (beats)
- HR (Tech, Sales, Exec)
- Prize

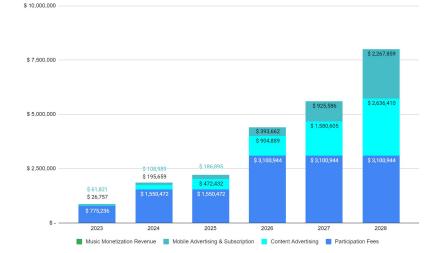
## Business Model Revenue Breakdown

Revenue is driven by the number of fans and musical artist subscribers.

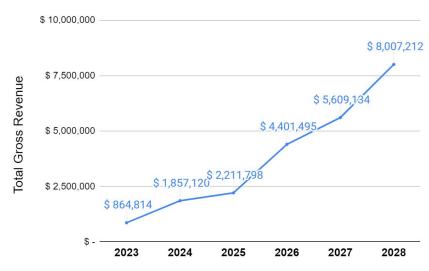


## **REVENUE BY SOURCE - BASE CASE**

## Revenue by Source



## **REVENUE BASE CASE**

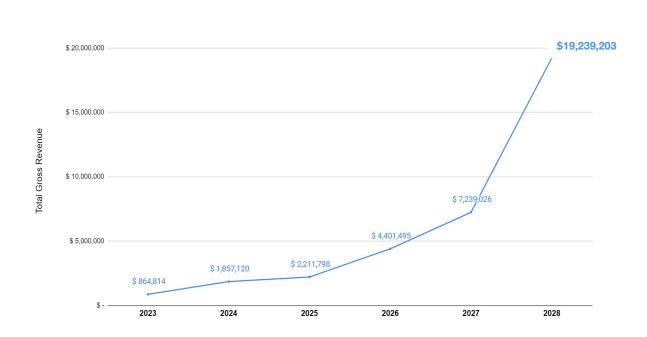


## **Business Model Additional Scenarios**

We considered other scenarios, with additional competitions per year.



## **REVENUE - ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS**



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

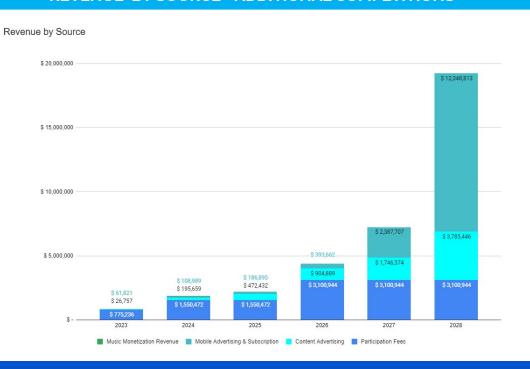
 Increasing the number of competitions to 4x per year in year 4 and 5 can increase your revenue potential

## **Business Model Additional Scenarios**

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## **REVENUE BY SOURCE - ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS**



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

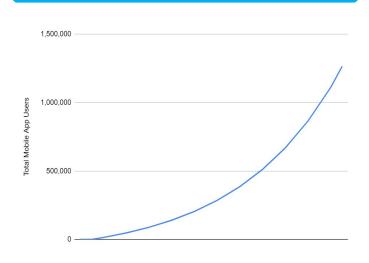
 Increased revenue is driven by an increase in mobile and content based ad sales, and will come with increased costs from content production and marketing

## **Business Model Customer Acquisition**

Customer acquisition was assumed to be driven primarily by social media advertising and word-of-mouth.



## **CUSTOMER ACQUISITION**



## **CUSTOMER ACQUISITION COSTS**

Total Customers Acquired	1,264,214
Total Impressions	49,600,000
Conversion Rate	2.55%
Total Spend	\$592,425.50
CAC	\$0.47

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- CAC remains relatively low, however this is assuming there will be no celebrity-endorseme nt costs
- CAC in this case is also only limited to marketing expense (composed of social media advertising costs)
- Conversion rate is within the average range, but it is assumed that some acquisition will be from word of mouth

## Business Model Profitability

The model projects that Who's Got Next will break-even at year 2, provided the competition is able to meet fan and musical artist acquisition targets.



