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Ken is an independent investor and business advisor for music startups, through his company [Digital Daruma](#), with a specific focus on artist facing music and media service companies. Digital Daruma has also made select direct investments in music artists and songs, and has co-founded [Five To One Media](#), an artist centric multimedia services hub in Manhattan. He is also the co-founder of the [Dot Blockchain Music Project](#), a public benefit corporation building and promoting a new music file format and supporting technology architecture to modernize copyright management and the music supply chain fit for the digital music age.

His past experience includes 25 years in financial services trading, asset management and senior management positions. He is also an experienced musician, and currently plays bass in the band [Fifth of Bourbon](#). Lastly, he is involved in a number of music foundations and academic organizations, including serving on the board of [Little Kids Rock](#), and [Future of Music Coalition](#), as well as advisory board position for programs at New York University and Berklee College of Music.

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