

Preface to the 2nd Workshop on Intelligent Music Interfaces for Listening and Creation (MILC)

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ABSTRACT

Today's music ecosystem is permeated by digital technology – from recording to production to distribution to consumption. Intelligent technologies and interfaces play a crucial role during all these steps. Following the successful first edition held at IUI 2018, the second workshop on Intelligent Music Interfaces for Listening and Creation (MILC) at IUI 2019 provides a forum for the latest developments and trends in intelligent interfaces for music consumption and production by bringing together researchers from areas such as music information retrieval, recommender systems, interactive machine learning, human-computer interaction, and composition.

CCS CONCEPTS

• **Applied computing** → **Sound and music computing**; • **Information systems** → **Multimedia and multimodal retrieval**; • **Human-centered computing** → **Human computer interaction (HCI)**.

KEYWORDS

Music Listening, Music Creation, Intelligent User Interfaces

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1 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Intelligent technologies and interfaces play a crucial role in today's music ecosystem – from recording to production to distribution to consumption. On the creation side, tools and interfaces like new sensor-based musical instruments or software like digital audio workstations (DAWs) and sound and sample browsers support creativity. Generative systems can support novice and professional musicians by automatically synthesizing new sounds or even new musical material. On the consumption side, tools and interfaces such as recommender systems, automatic radio stations, or active listening

applications allow users to navigate the virtually endless spaces of music repositories. Both ends of the music market therefore heavily rely on and benefit from intelligent approaches that enable users to access sound and music in unprecedented manners. This ongoing trend draws from manifold areas such as interactive machine learning, music information retrieval (MIR), recommender systems, human computer interaction, and user adaptive systems, to name but a few prominent examples.

Following the successful first edition held at IUI 2018 [3], the 2nd Workshop on Intelligent Music Interfaces for Listening and Creation (MILC 2019)¹ at IUI 2019 brings together researchers from these communities and provides a forum for the latest trends in user-centric machine learning and interfaces for music consumption and creation [4].

The workshop received 10 submissions (4 long and 6 short or demo papers), of which overall 6 were accepted (60%; 2 long papers and 4 short or demo papers) after review of each by at least 3 members of the program committee (see sec. 4).

The accepted papers span the topics of music education, access to sound through browsing and recommendation, interactive sound generation, discovery of interesting sections in generated music, and web-based demonstration of musical machine learning. In the workshop keynote speech, Masataka Goto presents intelligent music interfaces based on music signal analysis and demonstrates how end users can benefit from automatic music-understanding technologies.

2 ACCEPTED PAPERS

In the area of music education, Pauwels and Sandler present a web-based system for suggesting new practice material based on chord content [5]. To facilitate access to sound repositories, Bruford et al. propose a visual interface for drum loop library navigation [1] while Smith et al. explore a hybrid recommendation system [6]. Carr and Zukowski propose a tool for discovery of interesting sections in large volumes of audio generated by neural synthesis [2]. Thio et al. present a template designed to demonstrate symbolic musical machine learning models on the web [8]. Stine presents an interactive sound generator based on mappings from the transcriptions of environmental sounds to other sound corpora, thereby

¹<https://milc2019.github.io>

creating immersive electronic music [7]. Talks given by the presenters are complemented by a hands-on demo session.

3 ORGANIZERS

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