

RTRFM Policy Statement

The Use of Generative AI in Music on RTRFM

The ethos of RTRFM, the Sound Alternative, is to uphold the values of independence, connection, integrity and cultivation. We believe this is directly contradicted, even devalued, by music generated wholly or substantially by artificial intelligence (AI).

Most generative AI programs rely on Large Language Models (machine learning models) that aggregate creative works, sometimes through theft. By solely adapting what already exists, they represent cultural stagnation, homogeneity and approximation without vitality. This is the antithesis of alternative music and culture.

RTRFM is committed to retaining a wholly human connection to music and culture.

Please keep the following in mind if submitting music to RTRFM:

- You should disclose if AI has been used in its creation, and to what extent.
- RTRFM will not play music that was written, composed, produced or interpolated significantly by AI.

Presenters should note:

- The RTRFM Music Team will do their due diligence to ensure only music that meets the station's music policy is added to the RTRFM music directory.
- Presenters need to be alert to the risk of accidentally bringing in AI-generated music for their own shows.
- It is sometimes difficult to tell whether something has been made by AI or not. Here are some key indicators:
 - all the artwork from a particular artist looks computer-generated and follows a very obvious formula;
 - there is no contact information available;
 - there are no liner notes or detailed credits that link to real people/businesses (i.e. recording studios, mastering engineers et cetera);
 - there is no associated social media account (this indicator should only be considered in combination with the above).
- Please do not hesitate to contact the RTRFM Music Team if you have any questions or concerns about music that might have used AI in its creation.

This policy statement was approved by the General Manager, Programming Committee and RTRFM Board in June 2026.