Consider This

As a father of a 4th grader, I'm keen to expose my son to a variety of topics. My hope is that appealing images may spark interest in a topic. I'm going to attempt to source interesting openly licensed images in the following content areas linked with a Boolean:

- space *and* music

Plan

My process will be searching each of the recommended sites below for an interesting image representing space *and* music:

- The Creative Commons Search
- Mediawiki Commons
- Flickr Creative Commons
- Unsplash
- Pixabay

Search Feedback

- The Creative Commons Search
  - offers most transparent control over type of copyright desired
  - can search multiple forms of media (image/audio/video)
- Mediawiki Commons
  - can search multiple forms of media (image/audio/video)
  - not sure how well most images match my search terms
- Flickr Creative Commons
  - most flexible in terms of image appearance (color/pattern)
  - huge variety, but not the best quality
  - lots of repetitive images
  - includes virtual 'game' images as well
- Unsplash
  - no need to toggle copyright terms as all images are Creative Commons
  - highest quality, most pleasing images
- Pixabay
  - very similar to Unsplash but can search multiple forms of media (image/audio/video)
  - no need to toggle copyright terms as all images are Creative Commons
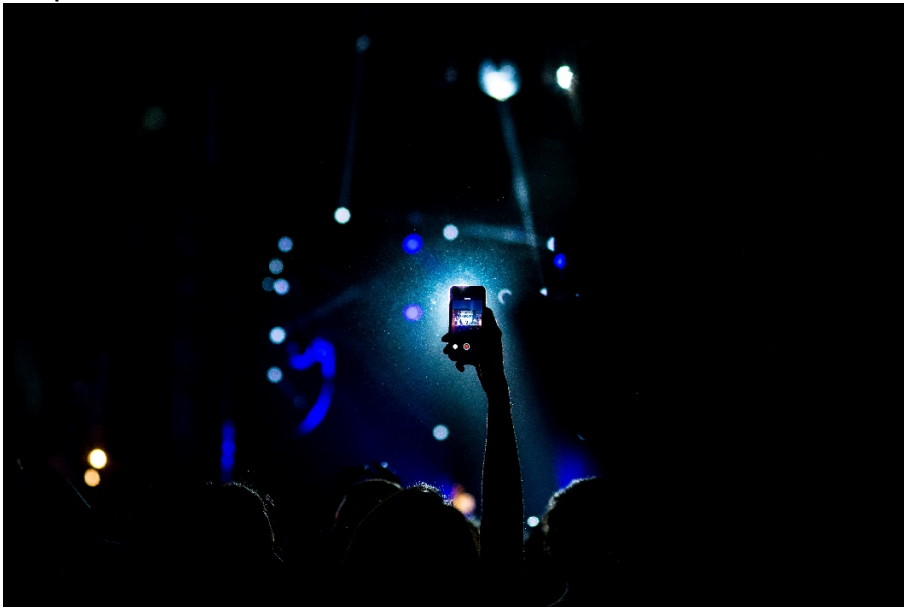
Results/Images

Below are the most appealing images from each site. I attempted to choose from the initial images provided as matches should be ranked.

- The Creative Commons Search
    - No suitable matches. Most results were space-based with no musical elements.

- Mediawiki Commons

    - Space music (6778156841).jpg | Ernst Vikne from Skien, Norway
    - Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0

- Flickr Creative Commons
    - No suitable matches. Most results were music-based with no space elements.

- Unsplash

    - Photo by Daniel Gzz on Unsplash

- Pixabay

  - <u>Pixabay License</u> | Free for commercial use | No attribution required
  - Image by [Fine Mayer](#) from [Pixabay](#)

Conclusion

Unsplash is the best resource for sourcing images because the entire collection is royalty-free, easy to download, and the images are beautiful. Pixabay was new to me and I will come back to explore it more. It offers high-quality images like Unsplash but also offers audio and video content similar to Wikimedia and Flickr.

I chose these images as they contained elements of both space and music as specified by my search terms. I worked with the simple Boolean *and*.