

Hi-Res Apple Music Artwork Shortcut

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In the zip file, you'll find three shortcut files:

Apple Music Artwork.shortcut

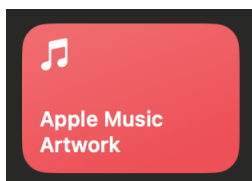
This is the primary shortcut designed to take an Apple Music URL as input and will provide a link to the highest-resolution, uncompressed artwork as output.

Important Notes

Running this shortcut by itself within the Shortcuts app will not work because:

1. It requires a URL to be sent as input.
2. It outputs a URL, which is typically used as input for another action in your shortcut.

If you're familiar with the Shortcuts app, this is likely the one you want to use. You can integrate it as an action within your own custom shortcuts.



There is an advanced mode whereby you can send a Dictionary rather than a URL. It has three parameters:

- ``url``
- ``size`` - (optional) A number denoting the maximum size of image to return
- ``showMetadata`` (optional) Changes the output of the shortcut to a Dictionary containing ``url``, ``name`` and ``artistName`` (when applicable).

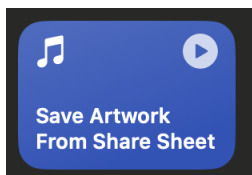
With this mode, you can customise the size of the image and get metadata back which may be useful in your workflows (i.e. saving the artwork with the name of the album).

Save Artwork From Share Sheet.shortcut

This shortcut appears in the share sheet within Apple Music and will download the album artwork to a location of your choice.

Who is this for?

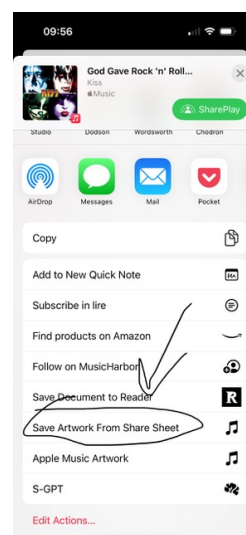
- If you're new to the Shortcuts app, this is the simpler option.
- However, it relies on the Apple Music Artwork.shortcut as an action, so **make sure both shortcuts are added to your library** for it to work!



The **Save Artwork From Share Sheet** shortcut functions differently depending on whether you're using iOS or macOS.

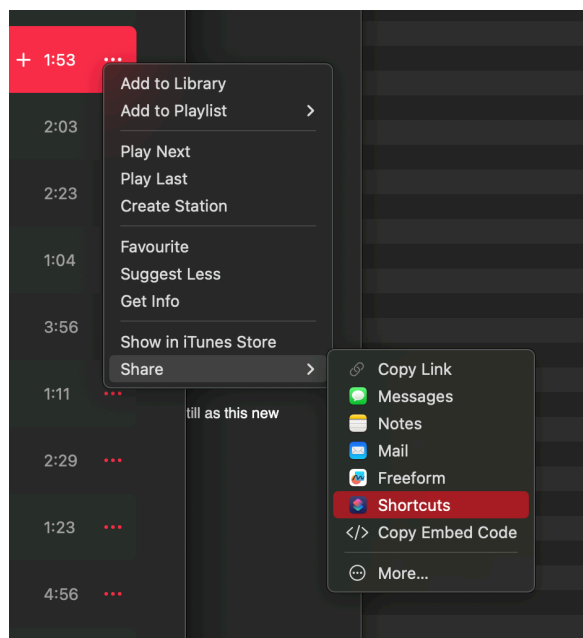
iOS

Tap the ⋮ button next to a song or album and choose the share option. If you scroll down to the bottom of the share sheet you'll find a "Save Artwork from Share Sheet" option that will then download the artwork and present the Files app to ask you where to save it.



macOS

Click on the ⋮ button next to a song or album and choose "Share" and then "Shortcuts" from the menu. You'll be presented with a list of shortcuts you have installed which accept URLs and one of them will be "Save Artwork From Share Sheet". Click that, and then the artwork will download and you'll be asked where to save it.

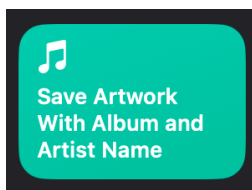


Save Artwork with Album and Artist Name.shortcut

This shortcut is much the same as the one above in that it appears in the share sheet. However, it differs in that it is a more advanced version that uses the `showMetadata`` feature of the shortcut to retrieve the artist and album name and then save the artwork using those in the filename (i.e. the artwork would appear in the Shortcuts directory of iCloud Drive as "Artwork/Dead Club City - Nobody But Thieves.jpg". The shortcut includes a note explaining how it works.

Who is this for?

- This is an intermediate option that demonstrates advanced usage of Shortcuts actions in order to customise the output.
- It relies on the Apple Music Artwork.shortcut as an action, so **make sure both shortcuts are added to your library** for it to work!



Support

Please contact me via ben@bendodson.com if you run into any problems or have any questions about how to incorporate this into your workflows.

Changelog

v1.2 (20th Jan 2025)

- Added the ability to send a dictionary of options to the shortcut:
 - ``url``
 - ``size`` - (optional) A number denoting the maximum size of image to return
 - ``showMetadata`` (optional) Changes the output of the shortcut to a Dictionary containing ``url``, ``name`` and ``artistName`` (when applicable).
- Stopped the base *Apple Music Artwork.shortcut* from showing up in the Share Sheet
- Added an alert if you try to use the *Apple Music Artwork.shortcut* without providing a URL
- Enabled a prompt for a URL when running the *Save Artwork From Share Sheet.shortcut* manually (i.e. from the Shortcuts app)
- Added *Save Artwork With Album and Artist Name.shortcut* to demonstrate advanced features

v1.1 (21st Nov 2024)

- Added this user guide!

v1.0 (20th Aug 2024)

- Initial Release