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If any copyrighted music is to be played at your display, you must obtain all necessary licenses from the copyright owner or licensing agency representing the copyright owner.

The licensing requirements include the playing of live as well as recorded music (records, tapes, compact discs, radio broadcast, etc.) and also include music whether it is the essence of the presentation or is used only as background on videotapes or other presentations.

To obtain a valid ASCAP or BMI license, simply write a letter to the agencies listed below and tell them of the composition and the names and dates of the show you will be playing it for.

ASCAP Licensing Dept.

1 Lincoln Plaza

New York, NY 10023

(212) 621-6000

BMI Licensing Dept.

320 West 57th Street

New York, NY 10019

(212) 586-2000



Adherence to these federally mandated copyright licensing laws is of critical importance. Failure to do so is both a violation of federal copyright law and a breach of your contract with NMMA. Penalties can amount to several thousand dollars.

Please take a few minutes to ensure a hassle-free event by acquiring the proper license.

Other options available to you are:

- Simply don't play music in your display.
- Contact the composer to make your own deal.
- Use the music that is in the public domain.
- Use the music from music libraries that have already obtained their own licenses from ASCAP and BMI or create original work.

Music libraries include:

Associated Production Music – (323) 461-3211

DeWolfe Music Library – (212) 382-0220

Killer Tracks – (2323) 957-4455

Omnimusic, Inc. – (516) 883-0121

TRF Production Music Libraries – (800) 899-6871

Capital Music – (213) 462-6251

FirstCom – (972) 446-8742

Manhattan Production – (800) 227-1954

Promusic, Inc. – (800) 322-7879