

Music Licensing for Audiovisual Works

a Practical Discussion

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Why is music licensing important to EMA members?

- Music is an asset. It has revenue significance.
- The global music publishing business >\$10B / yr.
- Visual media companies can capture some of this value



A Music Copyright Primer

- Two Music Copyrights Music Composition + Sound Recording
- Copyright as a bundle of sticks: the five general rights
 - ReproductionMe

Distribution

- Public Performance
- Public Display
- Derivation

Mechanical

Performance

Synchronization



Music Rights Workflow

- 1. If you commission music, do it as a work for hire!
- 2. If you don't commission music, assume the song is copyrighted & assume you need a license
- 3. Determine who the publisher and recording owner are
 - Databases: EDGAR, ASCAP, BMI, CISAC, AMG
- 4. Request a quote. See if you can get the PRO royalties on an 'alternate name basis'.



Making Money with Music Copyrights

In audiovisual works

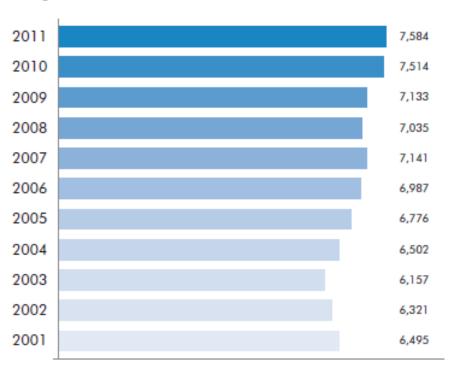
- Composition Income: public performance royalties
 - TV, Internet, Cable Re-Transmission
- Master Income: neighboring rights
- Funding Production: factoring future music revenues as gap financing.
- Selling the Library: Weinstein, NFL Films, Miramax
- Online Marketplaces being developed: RoyaltyExchange
- Buyers: NMPA Members



Compositional Income

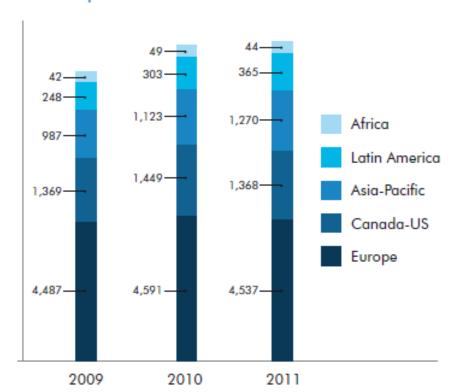
(~80% related to audiovisual use)

Long Term Trend In Global Collections



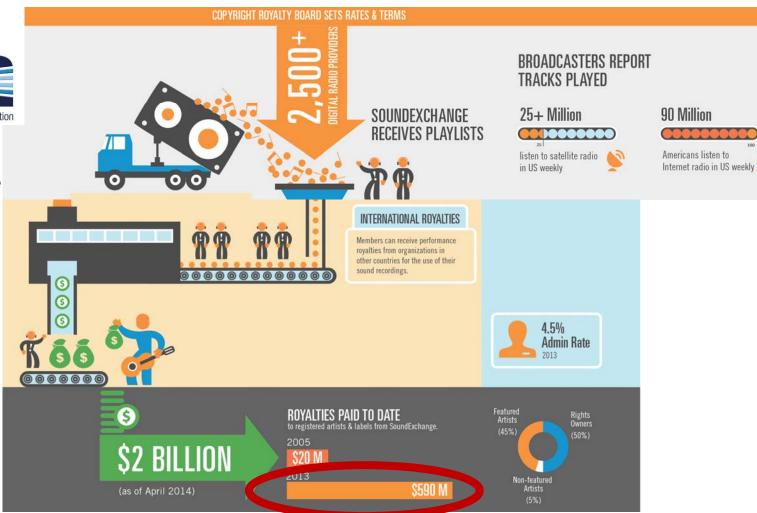
Source: CISAC 2013 Annual Report

Global Split Of Collections





Recording Performance Income





Practical Matters

- One co-author can issue the entire license although they usually won't
- There are many tiers of songs from commissioned music to royalty free stock music to production music to popular hits
- Buy E&O Insurance
- Consequences of Infringement
 - Master P Example