Searchable Databases

Authors
Publishers Marketplace
www.publishersmarketplace.com/search.html
The Authors Registry
www.authorsregistry.org
Copyright Licensing Agency (London)
www.cla.co.uk
iCopyright.com
www.icopyright.com
Publication Rights Clearinghouse
www.nwu.org/prc/prchome.htm
PubList.com
www.publist.com
The WATCH File
tyler.hrc.utexas.edu

Photographers
Photographer’s Index
www.photographersindex.com

Songwriters (composers and lyricists)
ASCAP
www.ascap.com
BMI
www.bmi.com
SESAC
www.sesac.com
Harry Fox Agency, Inc.
www.nmpa.org
Christian Copyright Licensing International
www.ccli.com

Visuals
Art Museum Image Consortium
www.amico.org
Artists Rights Society (ARS)
www.arsny.com

Motion Pictures
Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC)
www.mplc.com/index2.htm

Plays (major publishers)
Dramatists Play Services
www.dramatists.com
Dramatic Publishing Company
www.dramaticpublishing.com
Music Theatre International
www.mtisho.com
Samuel French, Inc.
www.samuelfrench.com

Copyright and Trademark Search
United States Copyright Office Records
www.copyright.gov/records
United States Trademark Office
tmsearch.uspto.gov

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www.bmi.com

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers
www.ascap.com

SESAC (originally the “Society of European Stage Authors and Composers” and now based in the US)
www.sesac.com

SoundExchange
www.soundexchange.com

The Societies’ Council for the Collective Management of Performers’ Rights (SCAPR)
www.scapr.org

Publishers

Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) (US)
www.copyright.com

Association of American Publishers, Inc.
publishers.org

Authors Coalition of America
www.aauthorscoalition.org

National Writers Union
nwu.org

Text and Academic Authors Association
www.taaonline.net

The Authors Guild, Inc.
www.authorsguild.org

RightsDirect (Europe)
www.rightsdirect.com

European Newspaper Publishers Association
www.enpa.be

Federation of European Publishers
www.fep-fee.eu

Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)
www.ccli.com

Christian Video Licensing International
cvli.com

International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC)
www.cisac.org

International Federation of Journalists
www.ifj.org

International Publishers Association
www.internationalpublishers.org

Press Database and Licensing Network
www.pdln.info

International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers
www.stm-assoc.org

International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organizations (IFRRO)
Provides listing of world licensing organizations, such as CCC. See membership for other national rights organizations.
www.ifrro.org

Art/Photography

American Photographic Artists
apanational.org

Artists Rights Society (ARS)
www.arsny.com

American Society of Media Photographers
asmp.org

Graphic Artists Guild
www.graphicartistsguild.org

National Press Photographers Association
nppa.org

Professional Photographers of America (PPA)
www.ppa.com

VAGA, a visual artists collecting society
vagarights.com

European Visual Artists
www.evartists.org

Bureau International des Société Gérant les Droits D’Enregistrement et les Reproduction Mecanique (BIEM)
www.biem.org

Music/Film

AFM & SAG-AFTRA Intellectual Property Rights Distribution Fund
www.afmsagaftrafund.org

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)
www.ascap.com

Asociacion de Compositores y Editores de Musica Latinoamericana (formerly SPACEM)
www.acemia.com

Association of International Collective Management of Audiovisual Works (AGICOA)
www.agicoa.org

International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI)
ifpi.org

International Film and Movie Licensing Authority (IFAMLA)
ifamia.com

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