A Creator’s Guide
to performing rights, copyright compliance, licensing and permissions organizations

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

If all else fails…

Find A Grave
Hit a dead end? Find a grave is an index of thousands of graves from around the world. The cemetery office may be able to help identify next of kin and therefore inherited rights holders.
www.findagrave.com

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Government and History Librarian
Wright State University Libraries
Patent and Trademark Resource Center
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937.775.3521
Federation of European Publishers
www.fep-fee.eu

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

Christian Video Licensing International
cvi.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.pdl.info

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

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

Art/Photography

American Photographic Artists
apanational.org

Artists Rights Society (ARS)
www.arsny.com

American Society of Media Photographers
www.asmp.org

Graphic Artists Guild
www.graphicartistsguild.org

National Press Photographers Association
www.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’En-
registrement et les Reproduction Mecanique (BiEM)
www.biem.org

Music/Film

AFM & SAG-AFTRA Intellectual Property Rights Dis-
tribution Fund
www.afmsagaftragfund.org

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

Asociacion de Compositores y Editores de Musica Latino-
america (formerly SPACEM)
www.acemia.com

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

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

International Film and Movie Licensing Authority
(IFAMLA)
www.ifamla.com

Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC)
www.mplc.com

Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA)
www.riaa.com

Every nation on earth creates laws that protect their creators. This list
covers major rights organizations and is not an exhaustive list. Please
check the creators country of origin for rights/permission organizations.