

Dear Event Organizer:

Music plays a major role in our daily lives and is important in the success of your event.

The most immediate way to gauge the value of music is to imagine your event without it. Studies have proven that music can measurably affect the mood and behaviour of participants and volunteers. It should be pointed out however, that any public performance of copyright-protected music requires the permission of the copyright owner. This is where SOCAN comes in.

SOCAN is a member-owned collective representing the musical works of more than 70,000 Canadian composers, lyricists, songwriters and their publishers. In addition to this Canadian repertoire, SOCAN also represents international copyright-protected music through our agreements with similar societies around the globe. Combined, this represents virtually all the world's copyright-protected music.

Without SOCAN, music users would need to contact each copyright holder individually and sign an agreement with every rights holder of every song they wished to perform, or have performed, in public – a next to impossible task. The SOCAN licence fees collected are distributed to eligible music creators and publishers and are an important part of how they earn their livelihood.

For more information please contact the SOCAN Office, or visit www.socan.ca.