

### **What is PPL PRS?**

PPL PRS used to be two separate entities who have now joined together to ensure artists are properly compensated for use of their music. In order to use music in your show, you must obtain a license from PPL PRS.

The exception to this is if your show *only* uses incidental music, in which case you will be covered under the King's Head License subject to a nominal fee.

### **What is incidental music?**

Incidental music is any music which characters do not respond to in the world of the play. For example, if your characters are in a club scene and music is playing, you would need to obtain a license to use that track. If, however, a song is used in a scene change and no one reacts or responds to it, this counts as incidental music.

### **Why do I have to pay?**

The King's Head Theatre have a legal obligation to report all Music usage in our premises to PPL PRS Ltd, under the Copyright Designs and Patents Act of 1988.

At the King's Head we believe that everyone should be paid for their work and music is no exception to this. The money goes back to the artists to ensure they are fairly compensated for their hard work and talents.

For more information and tariff rates, please see [www.pplprs.co.uk](http://www.pplprs.co.uk)

**Please note:** Filling in this form is not a substitute for formally requesting the rights for music via PPL PRS. The King's Head Theatre are not able to request the rights on your behalf and must be done by the company in good time prior to opening the performance.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.



## PPL PRS for Visiting Companies

Name of show:

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Performance Dates:

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Performance Type:  
(i.e. Opera/Theatre/  
Comedy/etc)

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Does your show use  
incidental music?  
(circle one)

Yes

No

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If yes, how is the  
music used?

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Does your show use  
interpolated music?  
(circle one)

Yes

No

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If yes, have you  
already applied for the  
rights with PPL PRS  
or are you in the  
process of doing so?

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