



## THE AUDITING POWER OF THE AVERAGE SONGWRITER.

### JUST ONE POWERFUL REASON FOR JOINING THE GUILD.

Even in the best of artist/publisher relationships, royalty payments can be delayed. Or slip through the cracks.

At the Guild, our regular comprehensive audits of publishers have collected millions of dollars that writers otherwise would not have received. When a member is involved in a dispute, we have the clout to gain maximum access to a publisher's records.

But cutting-edge auditing systems are just one reason to join.

For instance, we maintain an archive of all contracts submitted to the Guild by our members, along with six years of royalty statements. And for writers and estates who control their own publishing rights, we offer specialized administration and consulting services.

So whether you're signing your first deal, have already built a substantial song catalog, or have recently inherited one, we invite you to call us. Or visit our website for more information.

The Guild. Because getting the most out of your publishing is no small feat.



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## FOR MOST AMERICANS, INDEPENDENCE CAME IN 1776.

### SONGWRITERS HAD TO WAIT ANOTHER 200 YEARS.

The Copyright Act of 1976 was nothing short of revolutionary. With changes like the “author’s life plus 50 years” copyright term. The writer’s option to terminate a publishing contract after 35 years. And the first increase in the mechanical royalty rate since 1909.

The Guild played a leading role in shaping the bill, and in gaining passage on Capitol Hill. Under the current leadership of George David Weiss,

legendary songwriter and Guild president, our vigilance in protecting creative property rights is more intense than ever.

So as your income potential continues to be challenged by special-interest groups, the onslaught of digital media and emerging on-line delivery formats, isn’t it time you became a member?

Call us today. Or visit our website for more information.

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## WHO'LL PROTECT YOU WHEN YOU GET A CUT?

### **WE HELP YOU AVOID THE HAZARDS OF THE BUSINESS.**

Not all Guild members are hugely successful songwriters. The majority are people who need every penny their copyrights can muster. That's why we've developed essential services for composers of all genres and income levels.

Our free contract reviews can save you hundreds in legal fees. Our catalog administration and royalty

collection services are priced well below the industry norm. And Guild-sponsored workshops are invaluable ways to elevate your knowledge of the business and craft of songwriting.

Yet, an associate membership is just \$55 a year. So call us today. Or visit our website for more info.

The Guild. We're there to protect you at every step of your career.



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