

# Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA)

## Who do they represent?

APRA is a non-profit making association that administers the public performance and communication rights of the world's composers, songwriters and publishers in Australia & New Zealand.

Its twin aim is:

- to ensure that licenses **accessible and reasonable** as possible;
- and to ensure that writers and **publishers are paid** the royalties to which they are entitled for the use of that music.

## As a singing teacher what license(s) do I need from APRA?

APRA has many licenses to cover a vast range of differing scenarios but generally only one or two may be applicable to singing teachers/studios.

We have been advised by APRA (South Australia) that singing songs within lessons does not require an additional APRA licence since they choose to interpret the use of music, and teach music, as an extension of their complimentary educational licence.

The performance of music during public concerts, however, needs to be authorised and may be licensed, as indicated below, depending on the venue and the anticipated Box Office.

- 1) APRA'S Casual Performance Licence based on either 1.65% of the Box Office or our minimum fee (currently \$44.00 per event), or
- 2) APRA'S Concert Promoter's Licence based on 1.65% of the total Box Office (where the fee is estimated to exceed \$200.00)

The LHSS holds the following APRA licence:

- 1) **"Licence for Casual Public Performances"**: publicly performing at live events on an occasional basis; in our case, singing songs, within the APRA repertoire, at all our concerts (we hold several throughout the year at our Studio plus a major end-of-year production at a venue in the city).

Obviously, the needs of singing studios vary greatly and the licence we hold may not apply to you if you **do not hold** concerts - if you **do hold** concerts however, you will need to make enquiries as to the appropriate licence for you.

We recommend that you contact APRA to establish exactly what license (if any) you may require.



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