

# WORKSHOP CAMERA CLUB INC.

*Promoting Photography as an Art Form*



## POLICY STATEMENT – AUDIO/VISUAL COPYRIGHT

### **Policy:**

It is the policy of Workshop Camera Club Inc. that its members, guests and speakers are encouraged to observe copyright law in respect of music and images during club activities.

### **Explanation:**

An increasingly common activity for photographers is to put together their images in the form of a slide-show accompanied by music: an “Audio-Visual” presentation. The use of music to accompany AV presentations is frequently subject to copyright restrictions.

In general it is illegal to copy and use music outside of your own home without the express written permission of the copyright holders, or without the purchase of a specific license. The fact that you have bought a CD, or downloaded music from the internet does not of itself give you the right to use it in an AV presentation that will be played in the club’s rooms.

The situation is quite complicated, because copyright in a work may exist in the original score, in the performance by an artist or band, and in the recording made by the sound engineer. You need to have permissions for all parts of the performance to be able legally to use music.

Some music is said to be “Royalty Free”. Royalty free music is music which has been legally recorded and licensed by the copyright owner to be replayed without payment of a royalty fee. Royalty free is NOT the same thing as copyright free. Typically you can purchase royalty free music from a vendor which gives you the right to use it. Because that same music is still copyright, you do NOT have the right to sell or give the music to another person.

Another form of royalty free music is music which you have composed and played yourself. You can do this with the aid of a number of music generating programs.

Workshop Camera Club Inc. asks its members and guests to respect copyright law during all AV presentations. Remember that you wouldn’t like a third party to use your images without your permission. Please respect the rights of others.

This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the Club’s “Guide to Using Music in Audio Visual Presentations.” The Guide demonstrates practical means that members can use to make sure their AV presentations are within the law.

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