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# SKY'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCRIPTED AND NON-SCRIPTED PRODUCTIONS

# 1 Music Supervision

Sky's team of highly experienced Music Supervisors are available to all production partners, free of charge. Previous supervision work includes *The Midwich Cuckoos*, *A League Of Their Own, Temple s2, Dead Shot, Funny Woman s1 & s2, The Tattooist of Auschwitz, Small Town Big Story, The Death of Bunny Munro, Iris, Boyzone: No Matter What.* 

Sky has right of approval over any third-party music supervisor that production partners wish to engage.

To discuss production requirements, please contact: steven.wheeler@sky.uk

### 2 Composed Music

Production partners must engage with Sky's SATV Music Publishing team prior to hiring/contracting composers:

Please contact: fiona.harte@sky.uk

sue.hepworth@sky.uk joe.gadianmorton@sky.uk

Sky has right of approval over the composer of any original music commissioned for the production and any composer must be contracted in accordance with Sky's standard commissioning terms: this includes a full buyout of all mechanical/reproduction rights and an assignment of the copyright and publishing rights to SATV Publishing Ltd on a 50/50 basis with the composer. Sky will take care of the contractual arrangements as outlined, on the production company's behalf.

# 3 Source Music / Sync

Sky's Music Licensing team will service the production's sync requirements by one of two methods:

- a) Application of Sky's **PPL & PRS blanket licences**: mainly applies to productions that will be exploited on Sky platforms\* in UK/ROI only;
- b) Direct **sync licensing** with music rights-holders: mainly applies whereby Sky Studios/NBC-U will distribute productions internationally. The Music Licensing team can assist with budget forecasting.

<sup>\*</sup>Any programming made for on-demand exploitation only will not qualify to use commercial music, only SATV Production Library music can be used (see section 5)

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Sky's self-service **Soundmouse** clearance system is to be used for all productions to ensure accurate clearance data is logged and to procure accurate music cue sheets (*see section 6*) at the post-production stage. Full training/guidance is available in advance of final edit/delivery.

The Licensing team collaborate closely with the Music Supervision team. For any queries, please contact: <a href="mailto:musiclicensing@sky.uk">musiclicensing@sky.uk</a>

# 4 Productions about music artists and/or featuring live performances/musicians/niche music from a particular territory

Production must engage with the Music Licensing team prior to greenlight stage to establish any restrictions – and to obtain advice on performance waivers and any applicable residual fees payable to musicians. Contact: <a href="mailto:musiciensing@sky.uk">musiciensing@sky.uk</a>

### 5 Production Library Music

Sky's approved Production Library Music partner is <a href="www.satvmusic.com">www.satvmusic.com</a> and must be the only source of Production Music that can be used in Sky's content. This high quality, expansive catalogue is fully cleared (all media, WW) and pre-paid for use, including the international distribution of Sky's content.

For bespoke playlists and stems, please contact:

fiona.harte@sky.uk

sue.hepworth@sky.uk

joe.gadianmorton@sky.uk

Should any production company own a music library/have a deal in place with a third-party music library supplier, Sky cannot permit usage of this music in the production as this could lead to a conflict of interest and compromise editorial independence. Any queries regarding this should be addressed to Sue Hepworth: <a href="mailto:sue.hepworth@sky.uk">sue.hepworth@sky.uk</a>

#### 6 Music Reporting

Music cue sheets must be submitted in the Soundmouse Cue Sheet portal prior to TX (but at the very latest, a fortnight post-TX). A full Soundmouse user guide will be provided to production, outlining the steps for successful cue sheet submission/approval, in accordance with Sky's deliverables requirements.

If the production is fully music supervised by Sky's Music Supervision team, cue sheets will be completed by Sky on production's behalf.

A Music Reporting rep from Sky's Music team will be available for any enquiries by the production team/post-production supervisor. For Music Reporting queries, please contact: <a href="mailto:phoebe.spencer@sky.uk">phoebe.spencer@sky.uk</a>