What is a reciprocal agreement?

A reciprocal agreement is basically a two-way agreement. At SOCAN, we have reciprocal agreements with over 90 different performing rights organizations (PROs) around the world. These agreements allow foreign societies to administer your repertoire in their territories and send all royalties earned by you to SOCAN. SOCAN then pays the monies directly to you. In return, we do the same for them in our territory. SOCAN is one of only a few PROs around the world that does not take overhead off your incoming foreign royalties.

So I don’t need to join any other PROs to receive performance royalties from other countries?

Nope! SOCAN’s reciprocal agreements cover you world-wide. By joining SOCAN, you become part of a global network of PROs that ensure that music creators receive royalties for the use of their music world-wide. It would be extremely difficult and time-consuming for you to try to license all the performances of your works on your own.

What countries does SOCAN have reciprocal agreements with?

For a complete listing, please click here.

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