

# *What is a Cue Sheet?*

Keeping track of all the music used in films and on television shows is a formidable task, but one that must be enthusiastically done to ensure writers and publishers receive the royalties due them.

Cue Sheets are the primary means by which performing rights organizations track the use of music in films and TV. Without Cue Sheets, it would be nearly impossible for such composers and publishers to be compensated for their work.

If there is more than one composer for an individual piece of music purchased, or if the writer and publisher split their royalties on other than a 50/50 basis, this must also be indicated on the cue sheet, and these become important factors in payment calculations.

Checking to make sure that the Cue Sheets have been prepared and filed to the appropriate Performing Rights Organization (PRO) is good business. Please keep a copy for your files along with one to this web site. [www.info@skylimitmusic.com](mailto:www.info@skylimitmusic.com). Thanks!

An accurately filled out cue sheet is a log of all the music used in a production. This information includes:

- Series/Film Title
- Series/Film Title AKA
- Episode Title
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- Episode Number
- Air Date
- Show Length
- Music Length
- Production Company Information
- Song/Cue Title
- Composer
- Publisher
- Performing rights society
- Timing
- Usage