

Mr. John Phelan



John Phelan is Director General of ICMP, the global trade body for the music publishing industry. ICMP's membership spans the 'Majors', more than 1,000 'Indies' and 76 national trade associations across 6 continents.

On aggregate, ICMP represents and defends the rights behind approximately 90% of the world's commercially released music – today more than 105 million tracks, of more than 5,000 genres.

Our industry is the nexus point between music and the market - we invest in songwriters and composers worldwide to bring the world's music to an audience of billions. Our companies do so by licensing every music engagement from, including streamed audio/video, TV, radio, digital emerging technologies, gaming, live etc. Our sector also invests constantly in advancing the technology by which people discover and access music.

John's background is steeped in music, having started violin and piano studies as a child and going on to play in symphony orchestras professionally. He studied law and then orchestral conducting at the St. Petersburg Conservatoire. John has lectured at Lausanne University and Paris' School of Business Management.