

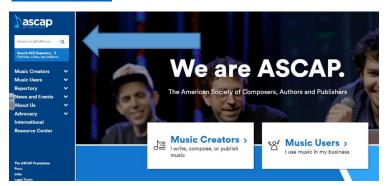
Did you know that in order to play songs on the radio, an agreement must be signed with various licensing organizations? There are three major organizations that handle the right to perform a composition (song) in public (and yes, that includes playing it on the radio, Internet or otherwise). Nearly all popular musicians are members of one of the big three: ASCAP, SESAC, and BMI. Crab Radio has an agreement with all of the "big three" and any song you can find on any of the lists is available for play on our station.

If a song is published before 1930, you do not need to worry about seeing if it is on the licensing site.

If the song is found on any ONE of the sites, then it is cleared to play on air.

Navigating the Licensing Sites

ASCAP - www.ascap.com



The top left of the site has a search option. Select the search bar and from the dropdown select "Search ACE Repertory." You can search by title, writer, or publisher.

BMI – www.bmi.com



The top right of the site has a search option. Hover over the search bar and select "Search BMI Repertoire." Then you can search by title, writer, or publisher.



On the top toolbar, hover over the word REPERTORY. You are able to search through the entire repertory or by song title. You will have to agree to the terms of the agreement prior to searching.

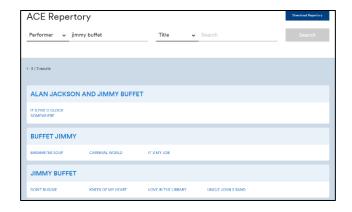
More information on the Licensing sites

ASCAP

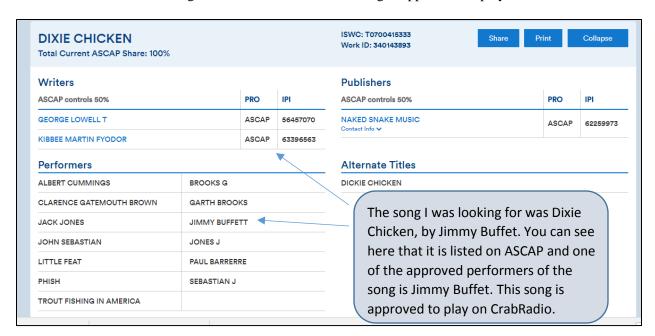
If you type in the artist, all of the variations of the artist's name will appear.

You can select each variation to search for the song you are trying to find. There are often more songs than the ones listed on the display, so make sure you check within the link.

You will notice that all of the songs that the artist has written or performed are listed.



When you select the song you want, just make sure that ASCAP, BMI, and/or SESAC is identified as PRO. If at least one of the organizations is identified, the song is approved for play on CrabRadio.

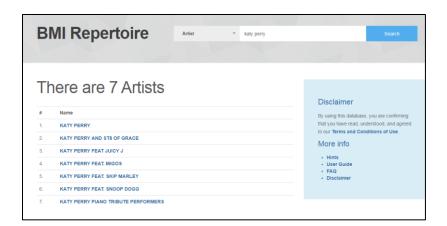


BMI

Similar to the other searches, when you enter an artist's name, all variations will be listed.

BMI's site only identifies the song is listed with them.

In the screenshot below, you can see that only two songs sung by Katy Perry alone are listed. That means that only these two songs are approved for play.





SESAC

SESAC organizes its listings a little differently than the others. It provides a list of the songs and the associated album for the artist that was searched. If there is another variation on the name, then an additional list is also included after the initial search result.

If the song is on the list and comes from the associated album, then it is approved for play. I was looking for "Ain't No Man" from the True Sadness album. It is there, so it is approved.



AVETT BROTHERS	
Song Title	Album
A LOT OF MOVIN	COUNTRY WAS
AIN'T NO MAN	TRUE SADNESS
AINT NO MAN	TRUE SADNESS
AINT NO MAN (LIVE)	TRUE SADNESS
ALL MY MISTAKES	ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER TIME
ALL MY MISTAKES	EMOTIONALISM
BACKWARDS WITH TIME	GLEAM
BALLAD FALSE START	LIVE VOLUME 3
BALLAD OF LOVE AND HATE	EMOTIONALISM
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BESIDE THE YELLOW LINE	COUNTRY WAS
CLOSING NIGHT	COUNTRY WAS
COLORSHOW	FOUR THIEVES GONE
COLORSHOW	LIVE VOLUME 3
D BAG RAG	CAROLINA JUBILEE
DANCING DAZE	FOUR THIEVES GONE
DENOUNCING NOVEMBER BLUE	FOUR THIEVES GONE
DIE DIE	EMOTIONALISM