



# PROTECTING YOUR MUSIC: COPYRIGHT

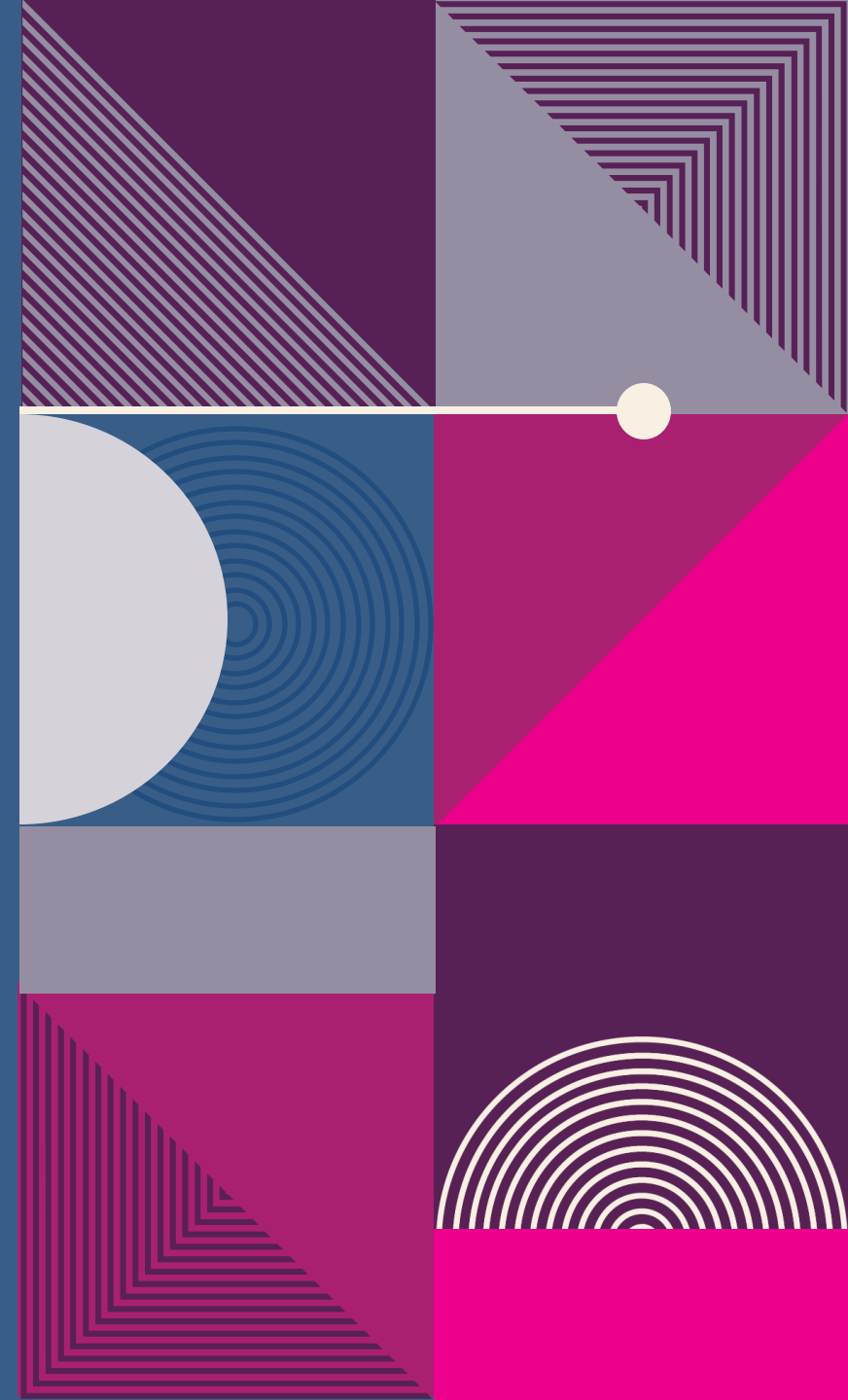


# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

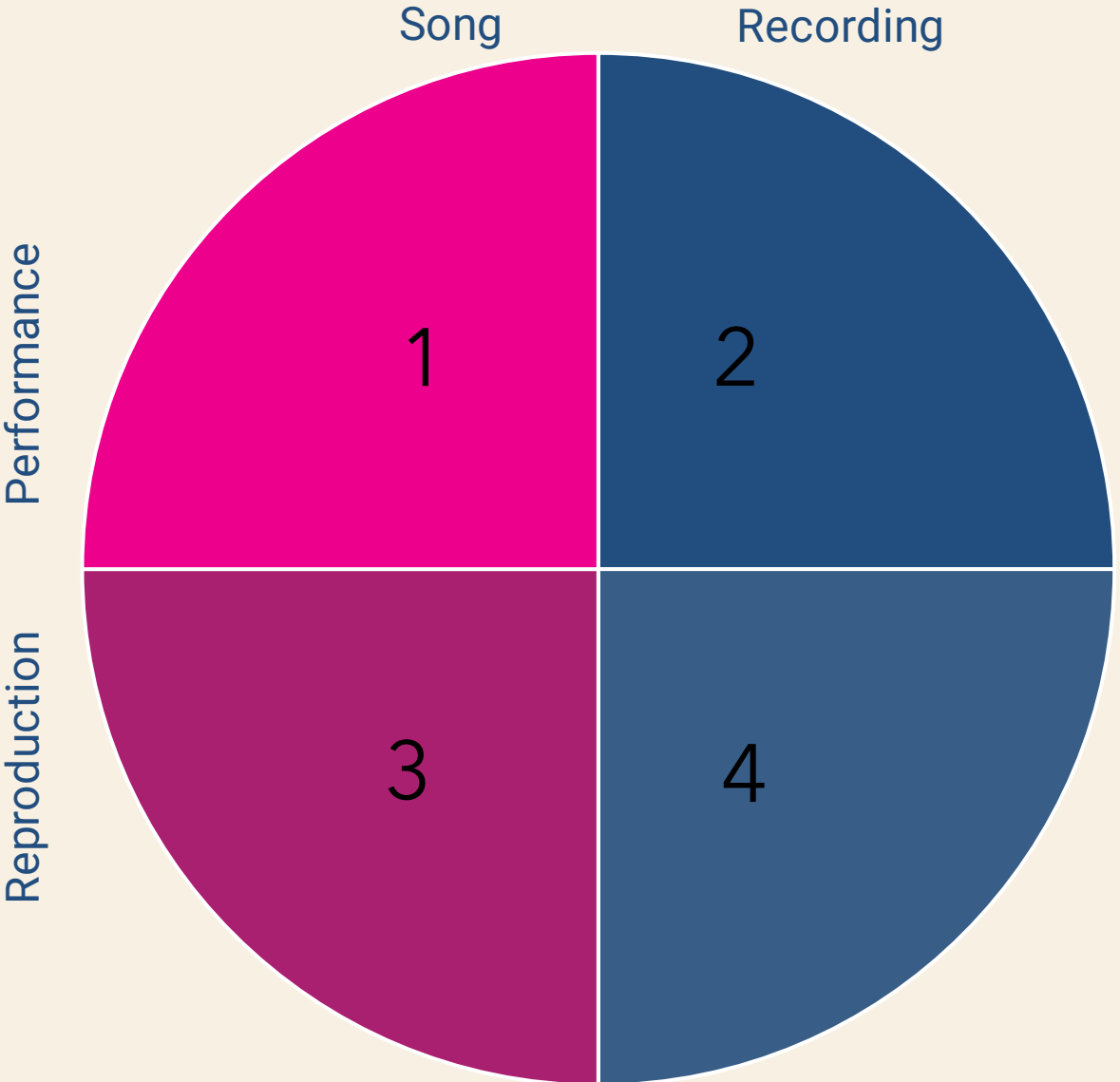
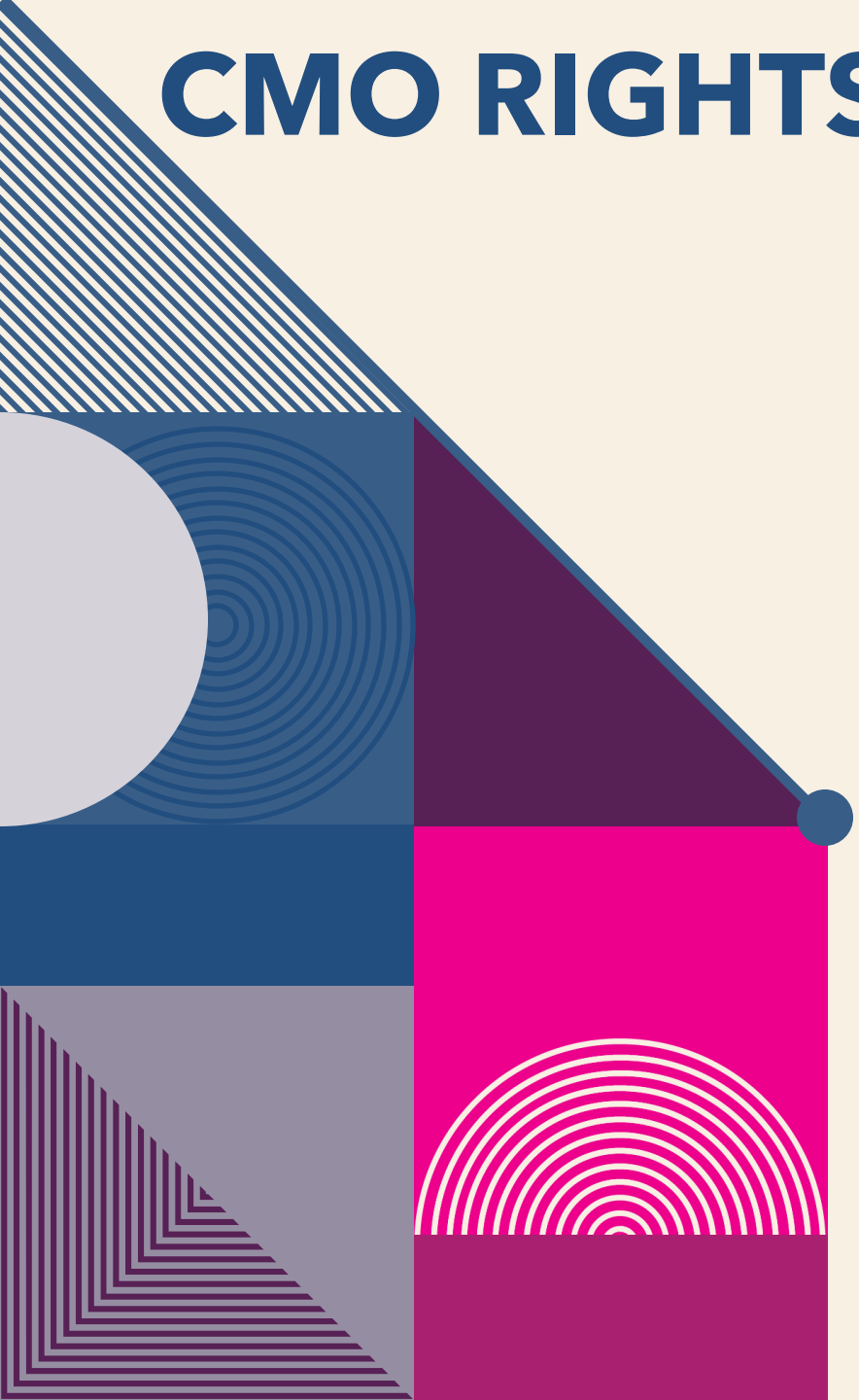
- The term intellectual property refers to creations of the mind.
- Intellectual property includes inventions, literary and artistic works, designs, and symbols, names and images used in commerce.
- Intellectual property is protected in law by either trademarks, patents, or copyright. These laws allow people to be financially compensated for their intellectual property.

# COPYRIGHT

- Copyright is a legal term used to describe the rights that creators have over their literary and artistic works.
- When you write a song, and that song is then fixed in a tangible form, such as a recording or sheet music, your song is then automatically protected by copyright.
- As the copyright author or rights holder, you alone have the exclusive rights to reproduce the work in various forms, to perform the work publicly, to record the work, to broadcast the work, to translate the work into other languages, or to adapt the work.



# CMO RIGHTS COMPARISON



# Music Royalties: Canada's Who's Who



Composers and  
Songwriters

**SOCAN**

+Mechanical Royalties

**SOCAN**

OR

**CMRRA**



Publishers



Master  
Owners

CONNECT  
music licensing

OR

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Performers

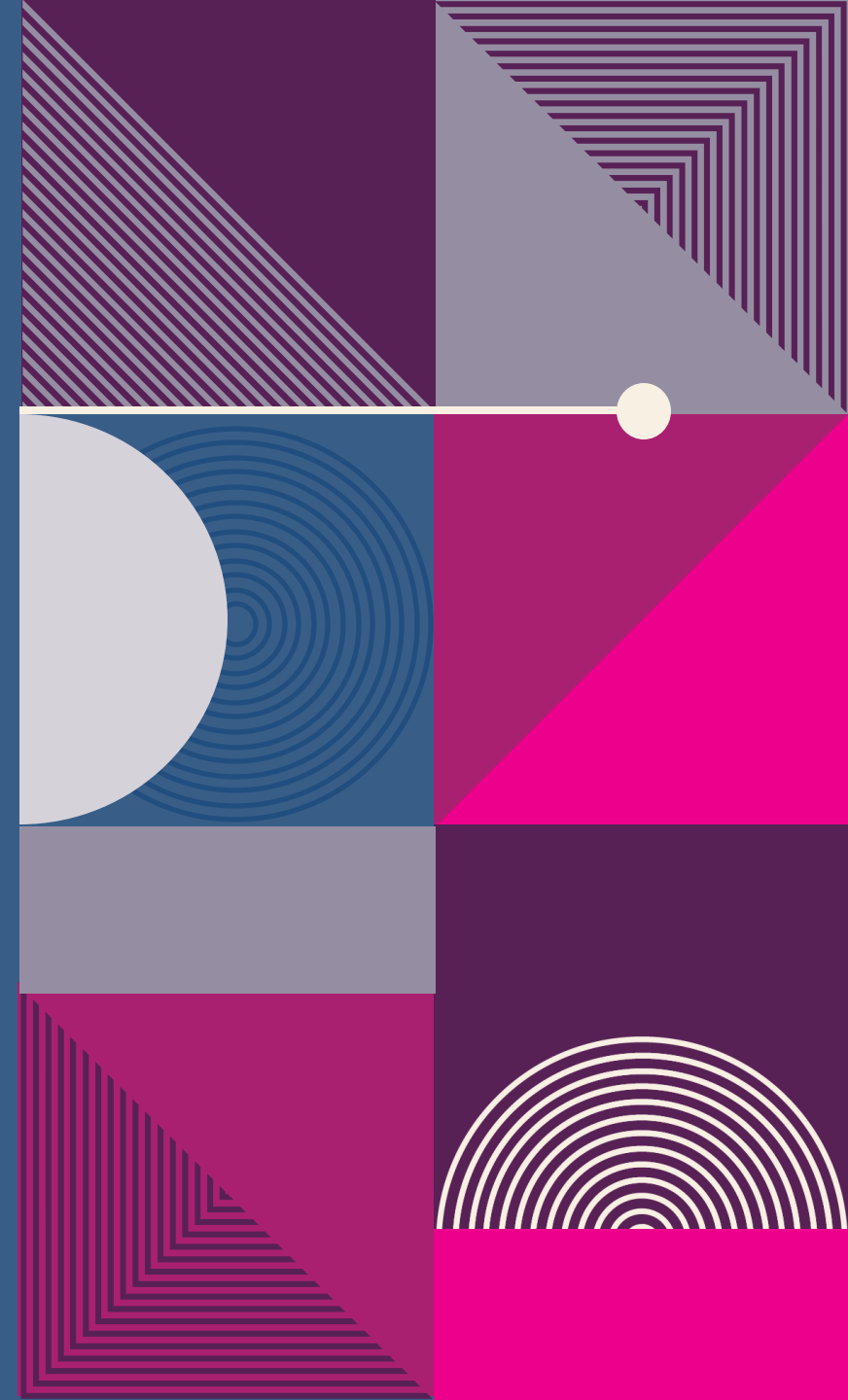
**ARTIST**

OR

**MROC**  
MUSICIANS' RIGHTS  
ORGANIZATION CANADA

OR

ACTRA **RACS**



## GUIDE FOR MUSIC MAKERS TO COLLECT MUSIC ROYALTIES IN CANADA



public performance of sound recordings  
collected and distributed by Re:Sound  
join through member collectives below

### MASTER RIGHTS OWNERS

if you own your own sound recordings (record label, independent artist), **JOIN**



OR



### PERFORMERS

if you have performed on a sound recording, **JOIN**



OR



OR



\*you may also join Re:Sound directly

### COMPOSERS

if you are a songwriter or music producer, **JOIN**



AND



OR



public performance  
of compositions

mechanical reproduction  
of compositions



# THANK YOU

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