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Performance Venue:

only performed for a class or workshop

No License needed!

performance in public, for an audience

Is the piece still under copyright?

Yes or Not Sure

Does the piece have a Creative Commons or other royalty-free license for non-commercial uses?

Yes

No License needed!

No or Not Sure

Is your use of the piece "fair use" under copyright law for any other reason?

Yes

Hmm... Are you SURE?

No

Does your choreographed piece involve, conjure up, or evoke any plot or storyline that the music supports and carries forward? OR
Does your dance performance involve costumes, scenery, lighting, staging, characters, and/or other theatrical production components?

Yes

You need a license from the Music Publisher.

No

No License needed!

No

No License needed!

How will the music be performed?

LIVE

Will you be syncing the music to a video that will be posted on the internet?

No

OK!

Yes

You need a Synchronization License from the Music Publisher.

A recording

Using a recording in video

Recorded "live" for the video

OK!

You ALSO need a Synchronization License from the Recordng Company.

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