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JODY GERSON TO RECEIVE THE ICMP RALPH PEER II AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL MUSIC PUBLISHING

ICMP AGM & AWARD TO BE HELD AT WORLD-FAMOUS ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS



The International Confederation of Music Publishers (ICMP), the global trade body for the music publishing industry, announced today that it will confer its prestigious *ICMP Ralph Peer II Award for Outstanding Contribution to Global Music Publishing* upon Jody Gerson, Chairman and CEO of Universal Music Publishing Group (UMPG). She is the first female Chairman of a global music company to receive this honour. The award will be presented following ICMP's 2023 AGM at the world-famous Abbey Road Studios in London on 10 July 2023.

Created in 2013, the award pays tribute to music publishing leaders demonstrating exceptional, global work, while protecting and promoting the work of songwriters and composers. For [this prestigious industry honour](#), awardees are shortlisted by ICMP's global board and voted by ICMP's worldwide membership. Previous winners include industry luminaries Irwin Z. Robinson, Misa Watanabe, MIDEM and Ralph Peer II.

One of the industry's most accomplished executives, Gerson is Chairman and CEO of UMPG, as well as a member of Universal Music Group's Executive Management Board. She made history as the first female chairman of a global music company and the first woman to be named CEO of a major music publisher. Since joining UMPG in 2015, Gerson has transformed the business into a global home for songwriters with annual revenues of \$1.8 billion, more than doubling the company's revenue.

Gerson has signed and works with the world's biggest superstars, including Elton John, Taylor Swift, Harry Styles, Kendrick Lamar, Bad Bunny, Adele, The Weeknd, Billie Eilish, SZA, Rosalia, Drake, Steve Lacy, Alicia Keys, Coldplay, Justin Bieber, Post Malone, Ariana Grande, H.E.R., Maren Morris, the Bee Gees, Prince, and more. She also led UMPG's historic acquisitions of the catalogues of Bob Dylan, Sting, Neil Diamond and others. A champion for women in music and a passionate advocate for education, Gerson co-founded the global non-

profit She Is The Music, and serves on boards of directors of the USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative, The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the National Music Publishers Association, among others.

Concluding a full day of ICMP events, the award ceremony will take place during dinner in Abbey Road's legendary Studio 1. ICMP's AGM2023 will also feature a keynote speaker and special music performance as top industry representatives from across five continents gather to discuss key industry issues.

Limited tickets will be released for non-ICMP members this week via www.icmpmusic.com Promo video [here](#).

A press conference will be called after the AGM. Details to follow.

RALPH PEER II - ICMP HONORARY PRESIDENT, PEERMUSIC EXECUTIVE CHAIR

"I am particularly delighted the ICMP membership have chosen Jody for this year's award recipient. Jody has tirelessly advocated to defend songwriters' rights and the value of music on a global scale. This award celebrates Jody's commitment and actions to enhance the livelihoods of songwriters and music companies and to safeguard the future of music creators worldwide."



JODY GERSON - UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP CHAIRMAN & CEO

"I am honored to be recognized by my peers at the ICMP.

I am fortunate to be in a business I love, a company I am very proud of and the best part of all is that we support the greatest songwriters in the world."



JACKIE ALWAY OBE - ICMP CHAIR & UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP EVP INTERNATIONAL LEGAL & INDUSTRY AFFAIRS

"Jody has made a tremendous, global impact on the music industry and inspired countless people along the way. I'm absolutely delighted that ICMP is honouring her with this well-deserved award, recognising her unique blend of outstanding business leadership, unparalleled creative vision, and deep personal integrity. The celebration at Abbey Road promises to be a very special night with our community and esteemed guests, and I am looking forward to it."



JOHN PHELAN - ICMP DIRECTOR GENERAL

"This Award is voted for by ICMP's membership across 6 continents and is our highest accolade. Named in honour of ICMP's co-founder Ralph Peer II, this year it will be bestowed on a fellow industry giant - Jody Gerson. Our July event series, in the crucible of culture that is Abbey Road, promises to be a night to come together, commemorate and celebrate."



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A small number of tickets will be made available to non-ICMP members. Applications can be [made here](#).

[ABOUT ICMP](#)

ICMP is the global trade body representing the music publishing industry worldwide.

Membership spans the **Majors**, several hundred **Indies** and **76 national trade associations** across **6 continents**. ICMP represents approximately **90% of the world's music** – more than **100 million tracks**, of every genre.

The music publishing industry generated more than \$13.5 billion in revenue by EY 2021. It is the nexus between **music creation and markets** – investing billions of dollars annually in songwriters, composers and artists, then bringing **the world's music to a global audience**, via every format – **digital** (2,000+ audio and video streaming services, NFTs, Metaverse, apps etc.), **broadcast** (TV, radio, movie...); **live, print, physical sales**.

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