

# P R E S S R E L E A S E

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## ICMP EXPANSION ICELAND'S NATIONAL ASSOCIATION JOINS GLOBAL TRADE BODY

**Brussels, 5 June 2025** - The International Confederation of Music Publishers (ICMP) has welcomed its latest national trade association to its global membership.

The Music Publishers' Association of Iceland ('MPA Iceland'), which collectively represents the sector in this important music market, becomes the 80<sup>th</sup> national group among ICMP's network which spans 6 continents.

ICMP - the global trade body representing 'Majors', 'Indies', sectoral associations such as 'The International Production Music Group' and these worldwide national groups, or MPAs - works to defend the rights of music publishing companies and their songwriter and composer partners. On aggregate the trade body's members represent the rights behind approximately 90% of the world's commercially released music. ICMP's primary task is to optimise the business and legal environment for music to thrive.

### QUOTES FROM INDUSTRY EXECS

**INGA MAGNES WEISSHAPPEL / MPA Iceland / Wise Music Group, Publishing Manager**

"As members of the newly formed Icelandic MPA, Wise Music Iceland are honoured to have been invited to join the ICMP family. We look forward to working and communicating with our colleagues around the world to learn more about systems and structures in other territories and also to offer our input on the key opportunities and challenges facing the international music publishing industry."



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## JOHN PHELAN / ICMP Director General

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"From Kiasmos to Björk, Sigurd Rós to Víkingur Ólafsson, Hildur Guðnadóttir to HÖH, Iceland has an outsized impact on international music.

We're delighted to bring this latest national industry association aboard at ICMP. We will support the music publishing industry there and ensure it thrives via our global network."



## JACKIE ALWAY OBE / ICMP Chair / Music Publishers Association (MPA UK) / Universal Music Publishing, EVP Int. Legal & Industry Affairs

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"On behalf of the ICMP Board, I am delighted to welcome the Icelandic MPA to our ICMP family. The majesty of the Icelandic landscape is matched by the beauty of its music. We are delighted to be working together in defence of copyright, the Icelandic music publishing industry and the rights of songwriters and composers in Iceland."



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## ABOUT ICMP

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

Membership spans the **Majors**, thousands of **Indies** and **79 national trade associations** across **6 continents**. ICMP defends the rights behind approximately **90% of the world's commercially released music** – more than **160 million tracks**, of **every genre**.

The music publishing industry is the nexus between **music creation** and **markets**, investing billions of dollars annually in songwriters, composers, then bringing **the world's music to a global audience** via every format – **digital** (3,000+ audio and AV streaming services, gaming, apps etc.), **broadcast; live, print, hard copy** etc.

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## FURTHER INFO / INTERVIEW LOGISTICS / BACKGROUND

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