



## WORKSHOP MENU

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### ***Protecting Your Ideas – Copyright & Contracts for Artists***

Over half of the inquiries received by the Arts Law Referral Service relate to copyright and copyright issues. Copyright can be a frightening and confusing thing, especially for artists new to their art. How do I protect my work? Can I publish safely on the Internet? Can I use someone else's art work in my own? How do I tell whether a contract is fair? This seminar is not only about how to own and protect an artist's work, it is about removing fear and uncertainty and allowing artists to confidently market and sell their work.

#### ***With William Mullholland***

William Mullholland is a lawyer, actor, singer, former professional dancer and member of the original Melbourne cast of "Cats" William understands the issues effecting individual artists, arts and entertainment companies and brings first hand-experience and knowledge of the arts and entertainment industry to his practise as a lawyer.

As a graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts (School of Dance), his performance credits include "Godspell", "Jesus Christ Superstar", "Annie", "Barnum" and "A Chorus Line", having also worked with the Victorian State Opera, the Australian Ballet Company and Australian Contemporary Dance Company.

As a lawyer William has acted for high profile stars such as **Kylie Minogue** and Tina Arena and has appeared for a leading Australian recording company in a Federal court case against the TV program "Survivor". With over a decade of appearing on the professional stage, William has also worked in the world of arts as Program Executive Manager with Arts Victoria, a political adviser to the Victorian State Government and a senior executive head-hunter and is an honours graduate in law and commerce from Melbourne University.

Since completing his formal legal training he has acted for a number of arts/entertainment/media clients including Majestic Theatre Company and its productions of "Oh! What a Night", "The Buddy Holly Story", and "Always, Patsy Cline"; Dragonslayer Productions Pty Ltd; Danceworld 301; Indigenous Australia Pty Ltd; Eureka Films Pty Ltd; Lyons Sinclair Pictures Pty Ltd, McPherson Promotions Pty Ltd as well as a number of other clients.

William is currently a member of the Arts Law Referral Service run by the Arts Management Advisory Group. He continues his "performance career" by working as a professional MC, Production Consultant and Speaker and has hosted "A Day on the Green" featuring Paul Kelly, Mark Seymour, James Reyne and Renee Geyer. He recently hosted the TXU International Cricket Classic 2002 at Telstra Dome and the September 11 Memorial Lunch at the Hyatt featuring the Victorian Governor and Premier.

#### ***OR With Anna Reeves***

Anna is currently Film Victoria's in-house legal Counsel. Prior to this she was a lawyer with Melbourne-based legal firm, Marshalls & Dent. Her experience as a professional actor, producer and arts administrator in the entertainment industry has given her a solid practical understanding of the issues in the media law field. She specialises in the areas of underlying rights clearances, copyright, defamation, contract negotiation and the impact of GST on film enterprises. She has a particular interest in film and the legal issues arising from the use of new technology in the workplace and media environments.

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