

Important message regarding the use of copyrighted music in your entry for the Autodesk Award for Visualization 2004:

"U.S. Copyright law prohibits using commercial recorded or copyrighted music without express written consent of the copyright owner."

If your team decides to use copyrighted music in your animation, your entry must include written permission from the legal copyright owner to use such music. Without written consent from the copyright owner your entry will be disqualified.

For more information on how to find the copyright owner, it is suggested that you visit BMI or ASCAP websites.

Remember, when in doubt, do not use music you are unsure of because your animation will be disqualified if it is found to be protected by copyright law. It is always safer to use original music you create yourself.

Note: some music created prior to 1922 is considered "public domain" which means that you may use this music without written consent. However, there are many instances where music is in the public domain, but the lyrics are still copyright protected. Additionally, if the music was written prior to 1922, it does not automatically mean it is public domain. You must do your research.

Once again, it is best to use original music when in doubt.

We do not want to disqualify one single entry this year for illegal use of music. Remember, when you use other people's property, you need to ask permission. Thank you for understanding and good luck!

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