



Music Gateway suspends SoundCloud use in bid to support PRS For Music

Music Gateway have announced that on the 19th October 2015, they will be removing the ability to embed SoundCloud files across their platform indefinitely. The decision has been made to implement this change following SoundCloud's ongoing dispute with PRS for Music.

PRS announced their plan to take legal action in August this year, after releasing an email to their members explaining: "After careful consideration, and following five years of unsuccessful negotiations, we now find ourselves in a situation where we have no alternative but to commence legal proceedings against the online music service SoundCloud."

Music Gateway has strong partnerships globally with organisations across all creative sectors in the industry who are dedicated to ensuring that their members are fairly paid for their work and creations. The company have reported their recognition that these relationships would be less effective if they were to endorse a platform such as SoundCloud, which in it's current state, does not support Music Gateway's core values.

CEO of Music Gateway, Jon Skinner explains: "Since we launched in Aug 2013, we have provided our members with the ability to log in and embed their music from SoundCloud. As a company, we have a duty to look after the best interests of our members, the majority of which are registered with PRS alongside other organisations such as the Musicians Union, BASCA, PPL, ASCAP, AIM, BPI and the Music Publishers Association."

The global platform are not the only company who have stalled their business relationship with SoundCloud during this time. Universal Music Group (UMG) are said to have delayed dealings with the online streaming company following the move by PRS.

Jon goes on to state: "Whilst SoundCloud provides a good B2C service, it needs to fairly compensate rights holders for streaming their music and I look forward to a quick resolution. It is regrettable that this situation hasn't been resolved to date, so whilst this remains outstanding I have taken the decision to temporarily disable SoundCloud across our platform."

Jon Skinner, CEO & Founder, has been a member of PRS since 1993, and Music Gateway is a corporate member of the MPA and a full member of the BPI, AIM and PPL. Furthermore, MG has good working relations with the likes of BASCA and ASCAP. Music Gateway's project budget options adhere to the minimum session and performance rates, as outlined and set by the Musicians Union in the United Kingdom.

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