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#21 Topical Tip

Can I video my show?

In most cases, the answer to this question is no, unless an appropriate video license has been obtained from the rightsholder of a given show. When a society obtains a license to perform a show it is a theatrical performance license and nothing else. It does not include a video license.

In many cases, particularly with musicals, the film production rights are owned by a third party other than the theatrical rightsholder. For example, the theatrical rights to *Evita* are held by Really Useful Group, but the film production rights are held by a different company. As a general rule of thumb, these film rights are not usually available for license.

However, in some cases a separate license can be obtained to film a show on a non-commercial basis, which means there can be no resale to the public of the filmed footage. For example, video licenses are available from NODA for all of our pantomimes and many other rightsholders will provide them in some cases.

If societies film their shows without an appropriate video license then they run the risk of litigation. If in doubt, always ask the rightsholder if a video license is available.

If you need any help or advice from NODA, call us on **01733 374 790** or email **info@noda.org.uk**

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