

Information regarding Canadian artists and IRS withholding requirements:

Again, I am not an expert in the field, nor do I profess to be, just sharing my experience. It has been a steep learning curve and it continues to be. Certainly the easiest option is for the artist to have a CWA but those are tedious, costly and time consuming for the artist. Harpdog is working on his. Artists need an SSN or ITIN no matter which option is deployed.

I obtained a lot of my information from an immigration expert, Mr Robert Baird. His site is full of info and he freely gives basic advice. Here are a couple of pertinent guides he has issued.

<http://www.bairdartists.com/pdf/BAM-Guide-15-Complete-Guide-to-Taxation-USA.pdf>

<http://www.bairdartists.com/pdf/BAM-Guide-13-Complete-Guide-to-Withholding-USA.pdf>

One other source is the AFM/CFM - Federation of Musicians - which is who will petition for the P2 Visa on behalf of most artists. It states that "Other forms that were once, but no longer, applicable to foreign artists...are the W8BEN and 8233 - no matter how much the engaged may insist". They also instruct artists to get their SSN or ITIN.

<http://www.cfmusicians.org/uploads/file/Border%20Info%20Document%20-%20June%202017.pdf>

Hope it helps and would be happy to discuss further anytime if it is helpful.

All the best!

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