



Are record labels leaving artists holding the bag?

Free local radio provides valuable exposure and promotion to record labels and artists simply by playing their songs ... for free. But what are artists getting from their record labels? Not much, according to a recent lawsuit filed by more than a dozen artists against the world's largest label, Universal Music. Artists claim that Universal has withheld more than \$6 million in royalties since 1998. Is this why the big record labels are trying to turn artists against their number one promotional vehicle by asking Congress to impose a performance tax on local radio?

The effects of a performance tax would be catastrophic, potentially forcing stations out of business, stifling new artists and harming the listening public who depend on local radio.

**Preserve local radio.
Fight the performance tax.**

