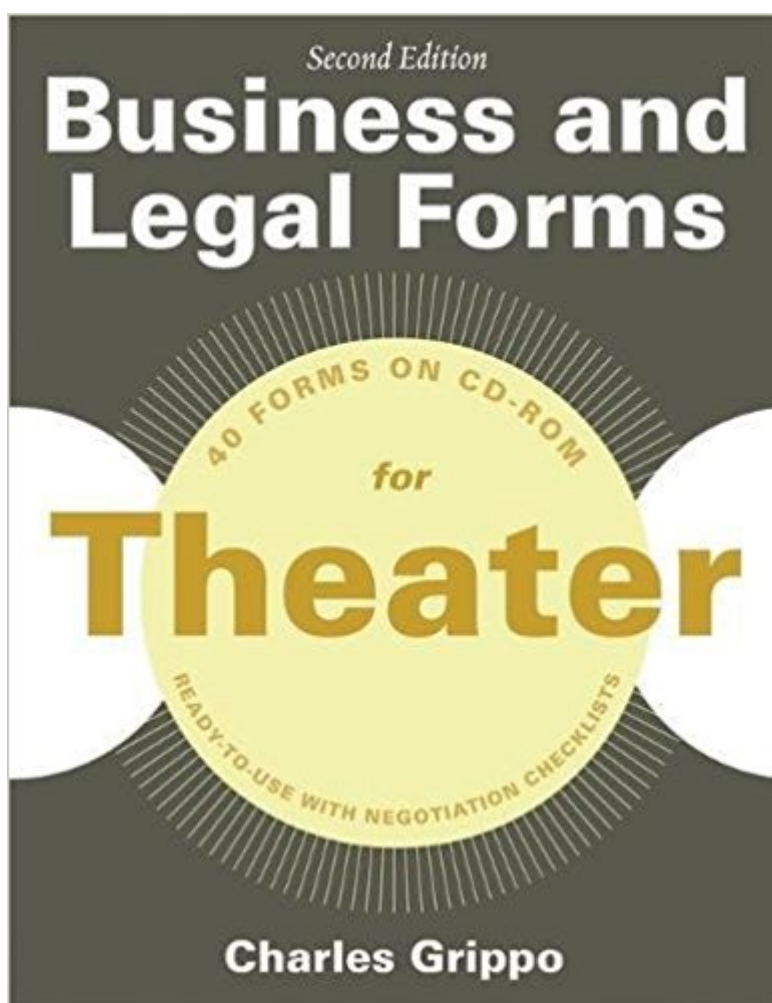


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# Business And Legal Forms For Theater, Second Edition (Business And Legal Forms Series)



## Synopsis

Here is a complete, easy-to-use resource for anyone involved in the performing arts! This expanded edition contains 33 indispensable, hard-to-find contracts and forms that will save artists and performing groups thousands of dollars in lawyer's fees, while minimizing their legal risks. Attorney/producer/playwright Charles Grippo explains the proper use of each form in clear, concise language. No matter which side of the negotiating table you're on, you'll find plenty of practical advice to help you obtain the best possible deal. These ready-to-use forms and contracts cover every aspect of theater law, including author agreements, commissions, production license, play publishing, and more. Also included on a convenient CD-ROM, the forms can be copied electronically, modified, customized, and saved. New to this edition are contracts for performing arts designers; fight and stunt directors; musicians; stage managers and technical directors; front of the house personnel; commissions for original musical compositions; and much more. From producers and directors, to performers and choreographers, to theatrical designers and box office managers, this volume is a necessity for anyone involved in the performing arts.

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This book provides a nice starting point for artists to use when engaging in negotiations for their work. He does a nice job explaining legal terms and the reasoning behind each clause. However, I find the contracts quite slanted in the artist's favor so if you are looking for contracts to use as the producer know that you'll probably want to adapt these further and have your own lawyer look them over before sending to an artist for signature.

They go hand and hand. Good book to have if you have the Business and Legal Guide.

This book is amazing! Recently I was doing a theatre production and needed some contracts. This book was easy to understand, the CD made it so easy to get the contracts I needed in doc format and alter them as I needed. Much of this book is based on Union workers, but again can be easily altered. My only quibble is the writers contract. I wish there was a better writers contract, something

more simple. The one in this book will definitely cover most if not all the bases. For the price, this book is totally worth having around. Especially if you are working in production

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