FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 1992

Company No: 1226628



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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 30 September 1992.

#### Principal activity

The group is principally engaged in the promotion of the various services and products of certain musicians.

#### Results and dividend

The directors are satisfied with the financial results of the group for the year and expect the group to remain profitable in the future.

The group's profit for the year after taxation amounted to £3,616,468 (1991 £515,080).

The company made a profit for the year after taxation amounting to £3,326,862 (1991 £620,020). After dividends of £3,000,000 this leaves a profit of £326,862 to be transferred to reserves.

#### Directors

The directors in office at the end of the year are listed below. All served on the Board throughout the year. The beneficial interests of the directors and their families in the shares of the company at 1 October 1991 and 30 September 1992 were as follows:

Ordinary shares of £? each

В	Н	May	25
		Deacon	25
		Taylor	25

F Mercury died on 24 November 1991.

#### Fixed assets

Movements of tangible fixed assets are set out in note 8 to the financial statements.

### Tax status

The directors are of the opinion that the company is a close company within the provisions of section 414 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

## Charitable contributions

Donations to charitable organisations amounted to £1,223,149.

#### Auditors

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

S Hyatt Secretary REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

QUEEN PRODUCTIONS LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 17 in accordance with Audicing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and the group at 30 September 1992 and of the profit and cash flows of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Grant Thornton

4th June 1993.

LONDON

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

The principal accounting policies of the group have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

#### Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate those of the company and all its subsidiary undertakings. The financial statements of each company in the group have been prepared to 30 September 1992 except Q M Productions Limited which prepared its first financial statements to 31 March 1993. Management accounts of this company to 30 September 1992 have been consolidated (see note 9). All intra-group profits/transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

Goodwill arising on consolidation is eliminated from the financial statements by immediate write-off on acquisition against reserves.

#### Turnover

Turnover is the total amount earned by the group in respect of production royalties and income arising from live performances.

Royalties are brought into account when they become due and payable or if received in the year by way of non-refundable advances on anticipated future royalties.

#### Interest

Bank interest is accounted for on a received basis.

### Deferred expenditure

Deferred expenditure relates to recordings, film projects and associated costs incurred during the year, which are charged to the profit and loss account in the accounting period in which the recordings or film projects are made available for commercial exploitation.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives on the following bases.

Freehold buildings 2% straight line Plant, fixtures, fittings and equipment 15% straight line

#### Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less amounts written off.

#### Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided for under the liability method using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse, and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. Unprovided deferred tax is disclosed as a contingent liability.

Debit balances arising in respect of advance corporation tax on dividends payable or proposed are carried forward to the extent that it is expected to be recoverable.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Where exchange differences result from the translation of foreign currency borrowings raised to acquire foreign assets they are taken to reserves and offset against the differences arising from the translation of those assets. All other exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

No	te	£	1992 £	£	1991 £
Turnover	1		20,815,128		13,565,444
Performance expenditure Administration expenditure		4,047,926 11,685,674		2,154,105 10,734,271	
			(15,733,600)		(12,888,376)
Operating profit	15		5,081,528		677,068
Interest receivable and similar income			290,798		283,534
Interest payable and similar charges			(93)		(590)
Profit on ordinary activit		S	5,372,233		960,012
before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary	1		, .		
activities	4		(1,755,765)		(444,932)
Profit for the financial	_		3,616,468		515,080
<b>year</b> Dividends	5 6		(3,000,000)		(600,000)
Profit/(loss) retained			£616,468		£(84,920)
By the company By subsidiary undertaking:	5		326,862 289,606		70,020 (154,940)
-			£616,468		£(84,920)

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

lived assets	Note	£	1992 £	£	1991 £
Intangible assets Tangible assets	7 8		273,912		500 319,857 19,645
Investments	9		273,912		349,002
Current assets				•	
Stock Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10 11 17	51,693 6,564,980 3,584,854		52,785 632,198 2,418,527	
		10,201,527		3,103,510	
Creditors: amounts falli due within one year	.ng 12	(8,900,476)		(2,511,066)	
Net current assets			1,301,051		592,444
Total assets less current liabilities	ıt		£1,574,963		£932,446
Capital and reserves					
Called-up share capital Profit and loss account	13 14		100 1,574,863		100 932,346
			£1,574,963		£932,446

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 12 June 1993

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DIRECTOR

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### QUEEN PRODUCTIONS LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

	Note	£	1992 £	£.	1991 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	7		-		500
Tangible assets	8		272,530		318,264 33,697
Investments	9		14,054		
•			286,584		352,461
Current assets					
Stock	10	51,693		51,944	
Debtors	11	*		669,663	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,385,352		2,025,114	
		9,043,446		2,746,721	
Creditors: amounts falli	ing			(2 1/8 025)	
due within one year	12	(8,052,021)		(2,148,035)	
Net current assets			991,425		598,686
Total assets less curren	nt				
liabilities			£1,278,009		£951,147
			=_====		
Capital and reserves					
Called-up share capital	1	3	100		100
Profit and loss account	1		1,277,909		951,047
			£1,278,009		£951,147
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DIRECTOR

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## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	£	1992 £	£	1991 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	15		4,728,253		2,590,534
Keturn on investments a servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid Dividends paid		290,798 (93) 2,720,000)	*	283,534 (590) (480,000)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finan	ce		(2,429,295)		(197,056)
Taxation UK comporation tax paid	i		(1,329,670)		(460,811)
Investing activaties Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed	assets	(6,301)		(21,282) 1,993	
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(6,301)		(19,289)
Net cash inflow before financing			962,987		1,913,378
Net cash inflow from financing	16		-		_
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	17		£962,987		£1,913,378

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

# 1 Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The analysis of turnover by geographical market has not been disclosed.

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to one activity: the promotion of the various services and products of certain musicians.

The profit on ordinary activities is stated after:

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	•	199	2 1991 £ £
	Deposit account interest received Auditors' remuneration - audit	290,79	8 283,534
	- non audit services	16,75	
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets Exchange gains	98,628 52,246	
	Deed of covenant Equipment hire	(21,238 696	3) (43,543)
	Gift Aid Amounts written off investments	1,222,453	5,357
	The State of the S	500	-
2	Interest payable and similar charges		
	On bank loans and overdrafts repayable within 5 years	1992	1991
	otherwise than by instalments	£93 ==	£590
3	Directors and employees		
		1992	1991
	Staff costs during the year were as follows:	£	£
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	1,693,415 7,760	5,882,817 23,030
		£1,701,175	£5,905,847
	The sugress out		

The average number of employees of the group during the year was 8 (1991 11). Staff costs include directors' remuneration as follows:

£1,551,088 £5,809,621

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3	Directors and employees (continued)	1992	1991
	The emoluments of the directors were:		
	The highest paid director	£619,522	£1,517,842
	Other directors	Number	Number
	£0 to £5,000	1	-
	£465,001 to £470,000	2	- 1
	£1,360,001 to £1,365,000	-	1
	£1,460,001 to £1,465,000	-	1
	£1,465,001 to £1,470,000	_	1

## 4 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge is based on the profit for the year and represents:

	1992 £	1991 £
United Kingdom corporation tax Overseas taxation Double taxation relief	1,668,554 664,038 (568,591)	239,832 160,497
(Overprovision)/underprovision for corporation tax in previous year	(8,236)	44,603
	£1,755,765	£444,930

United Kingdom corporation tax has been charged at rates varying from 25% to 33% (1991 25% to 34%).

### 5 Profit for the financial year

The parent company has taken advantage of section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 and has not included its own profit and loss account in these financial statements. The group result for the year includes a profit of £326,8 $\circ$ 2 (1991 profit £20,020) which is dealt with in the financial statements of the company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6	Dividends		1992 £	1991 £
	Ordinary shares Interim dividends of: £16,000 per share paid 1.4.92 (1991 £ 2,000 per share paid 1.7.92 (1991 £ 6,000 per share paid 20.7.92 (199 £ 2,000 per share paid 28.9.92 (199	nil) 1 nil)	1,600,000 200,000 600,000 200,000	480,000 - - -
	Proposed final dividend of £4,000 per share (1991 £1,200)		400,000	120,000
	24,000 per share (1771 xx)		£3,000,000	£600,000
7	Intangible fixed assets			Trademarks £
	The group and the company Cost At 1 October 1991 Amounts written off in the year			500 (500)
	At 30 September 1992			£ -
8	Tangible fixed assets The group	Total £	Freehold property £	Plant, fixtures, fittings & equipment £
	Cost At 1 October 1991 Additions	1,087,121 6,301 (8,271)	172,854	914,267 6,301 (8,271)
	Disposals At 30 September 1992	1,085,151	172,854	912,297
	Depreciation At 1 October 1991 Provided in the year Disposals	767,264 52,246 (8,271	41,483 3,457	725,781 48,789 (8,271)
	At 30 September 1992	811,239	44,940	766,299
	Net book amount at 30 September 1992	£273,912	£127,914	£145,998
	Net book amount at 30 September 1991	£319,857	£131,371	£188,486
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8	Tangible fixed assets  The company		Total £	Freehold property £	Plant, fixtures, fittings & equipment £
	Cost				
	At 1 October 1991 Additions		1,077,257 6,051	172,854	904,403
	At 30 September 1992		1,083,308	172,854	910,454
	Depreciation At 1 October 1991 Provided in the year		758,993 51,785	41,483	717,510 48,328
	At 30 September 1992		810,778	44,940	765,838
	Net book amount at 30 September 1992		£272,530	£127,914	£144,616
	Net book amount at 30 September 1991		£318,264	£131,371	£186,893
9	Fixed asset investments	Th 1992 £	e group 1991 £	Th 1992 £	e company 1991 £
	Royalty and contractual rights at cost	196,289	196,289	196,289	196,289
	Less amounts written off	(196,289)	(176,644)	(196,289)	(176,644)
			19,645		19,645
	Investment in subsidiaries shares at cost	s: -		14,054	14,052
	At 30 September 1992	£ -	£19,645	£14,054	£33,697

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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## 9 Fixed asset investments (continued)

At 30 September 1992 the group held more than 10% of the allotted share capital of the following which are registered in England and Wales except where otherwise stated:

Subsidiary undertakings	Class of share capital held	Proportion held by the group	Nature of business
Raincloud Productions Limited	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	Promotion of non-UK recordings of certain musicians. Agent for the holding company
Mountain Studios (Montreux) Limited	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	Recording studios
Mountain Studios SA (registered in Switzerland)	Shares of Sw fr 100 each	100	Recording studios
Queen Films Limited	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	Distribution of films and videos
*Q.M. Productions Limited	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	Promotion of the Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert

\*This company was established to raise funds for distribution to charities and is not expected to make a significant contribution to the group's results.

10	Stock	The	The group		company
		1992	1991	1992	1991
	Goods for resale	£51,693	£52,785	£51,693	£51,944

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

11	Debtors	The group		The company	
**	202002	1992 £	1991 £	1992 £	1991 £
	Trade debtors	4,287,796	350,151	4,246,256	224,315
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors	2,053,421	121,014	190,452 2,046,683	194,554 111,904
	Prepayments and accrued income Current taxation Deferred expenditure ACT recoverable	52,763 6,881 47,990 116,129	23,704 91,829 5,500 40,000	6,881	1,561 91,829 5,500 40,000
		£6,564,980	£632,198	£6,606,401	£669,663

Included in the above is an amount of £116,129 (1991 £10,000) for both the company and the group which falls due after one year.

## 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	The group		The company	
	1992	1991	1992	1991
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdrafts	203,340	-	97,729	-
Directors' current	135,894	259,971	104,144	15,344
accounts Trade creditors	4,466,911	409,842	5,023,520	387,875
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u></u>	-	515,414	171,237
Amounts owed to affilia	ted	200 05/	_	399,954
undertakings	203,370	399,954 128,890	-	109,095
Current taxation ACT payable	382,796	40,000	382,796	40,000
Other creditors	250,208	188,047	170,034	165,265
Accruais	2,857,957	964,362	1,358,384	739,265
Proposed dividend	400,000	120,000	400,000	120,000
	£8,900,476	£2,511,066	£8,052,021	£2,148,035

The directors' current accounts owed by Raincloud Productions Limited are secured by a floating charge on all property, present and future, belonging to that company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13	Called-up share capital	7	992 & 1991 Authorised, allotted, called-up fully paid
	100 ordinary shares of £1 each		£100
14	Profit and loss account	1992 £	1991 £
	The group		•
	At 1 October 1991 Retained profit/(loss) for the year Exchange differences	932,346 616,468 26,049	1,029,111 (84,920) (11,845)
	At 30 September 1992	£1,574,863	£932,346
	The company		
	At 1 October 1991 Profit for the year	951,047 126,862	931,027
	At 30 September 1992	£1,277,909	£951,047
15	Net cash inflow from operating activities	1992 £	1991 £
	Operating profit Depreciation Decrease in stocks (Increase) in debtors Increase in creditors Foreign exchange differences Write-down of investments Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	5,081,528 52,246 1,092 (5,941,601) 5,488,794 26,049 19,645 500	677,068 57,743 597 638,980 1,227,991 (11,845)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	£4,728,253	£2,590,534

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1992

16	Changes in financing during the year	Share capital (including premium)		Total Sinancing net of cash at bank and in hand
	Balance at 1 October 1991 and at 30 September 1992	£100	£ -	£100
17	Changes in cash and cash equivalents	5		£
	Balance at 1 October 1991 Net cash inflow			2,418,527 962,987
	Balance at 30 September 1992			£3,381,514
	Cash and cash equivalents comprises	: 1992 £	1991 £	Change in year £
	Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	3,584,854 (203,340)	2,418,527	1,166,327 (203,340)
		£3,381,514	£2,418,527	£962,987

### 18 Capital commitments

Neither the group nor the company had any capital commitments at 30 September 1992 or 30 September 1991.

## 19 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at 30 September 1992 or 30 September 1991.

### 20 Transactions with directors

During the year the company paid amounts to companies in which directors had a material interest as follows:

Director	Paid to	£
J Deacon	Goldfinch Productions Ltd	2,280,000
B May	Duck Productions Ltd	2,337,500
R Taylor	Nightjar Productions Ltd	2,332,250

Company Name	Company Number
Queen Productions Limited	1226628
Queen Music Limited (Abbreviated)	1216419
Raincloud Productions Limited (Abbreviated)	1349012
Queen Films Limited (Abbreviated)	1239272
Q M Productions Limited (Abbreviated)	<del></del>
Duck Productions Limited (Abbreviated)	1232947
Mountain Studios (Montreaux) Limited (Abbreviated)	1349011
Goldfinch Productions Limited (Abbreviated)	1235790
Nightjar Productions Limited (Abbreviated)	1235799
Turnhouse Productions Limited (Abbreviated)	1220234
The Cross Limited (Abbreviated)	2383986 de
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Mercury Phoenix Trust	