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QUEEN PRODUCTIONS LIMITED

AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



## AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS'

The directors present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 30th September 1985.

#### 1. Principal activity

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

#### 2. Results

The 1985 operating results were much as had been expected. The directors do not expect the overall result for 1986 to show a significant change.

There was a loss for the year after taxation amounting to £25,991 (1984 profit £45,397). The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend and the loss has been deducted from reserves.

#### 3. 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 1st October 1984 and 30th September 1985 were as follows:

	<u>of £1 each</u>
F. Mercury	25
B. H. May	25
J. R. Deacon	25
R. M. Taylor	25

## 4. Fixed assets

Movements of fixed assets are set out in note 7 to the financial statements. The principal items of capital expenditure in the year were musical instruments.

#### 5. Tax status

The directors are of the opinion that the company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

#### 6. Auditors

Fairfax House

Fulwood Place

London WC1V 6DW

Grant Thornton (formerly Thornton Baker) offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 384(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
BARTLETT NOMINEES

Ordinary shares

DIRECTO

SECRETARY

9th September 1986

### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

### QUEEN PRODUCTIONS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 14 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 30th September 1985 and of the loss and source and application of funds of the group for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

GRANT THORNTON

LONDON

9th September 1986

### AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

#### a) Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate those of the company, of Raincloud Productions Limited and of Rushing Water Productions Limited. The financial statements of all companies have been prepared to 30th September 1985. The results of the other subsidiaries (see note 8) have not been consolidated as the directors are of the opinion that consolidated financial statements would be of no real value to the members of the company because of the insignificance of the amounts involved.

#### b) 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.

#### c) Deferred expenditure

Deferred expenditure relates to recording and associated costs incurred during the year, which are charged to the profit and loss account in the accounting period in which the recordings are completed.

#### d) Depreciation

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

Freehold buildings
Plant, fixtures, fittings and equipment
Motor vehicles

2% straight line 15% straight line 25% reducing balance

#### e) Investments

Investments are stated at cost less amounts written off.

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### AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

### f) Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value means estimated selling price less all further costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

### g) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is the taxation attributable to timing differences between profits computed for taxation purposes and profits as stated in the financial statements and has been provided for in full.

Transfers to and from deferred taxation are calculated taking account of the current and future rates of corporation tax, adjusting for any changes in rate as compared with the preceding period.

### h) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Realised differences arising from changes in exchange rates on capital or trading transactions are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

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## GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	<u>Note</u>	. <u>1985</u>	£	19 £	98 <u>4</u> £
Turnover	1	6,24	7,826		4,080,846
Performance expenditure Administration expenditure		4,995,981 1,347,015	:	3,564,033 623,100	
		6,34	2,996		4,187,133
Operating loss Amount written off investment	ts 8	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	(5,170) (4,000)		(106,287)
Other interest receivable and similar income		17	9,003		151,346
Interest payable and similar charges	2		(719)		(2,169)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary	1.	5	9,114		42,890
activities	4	(8	5,105)		2,507
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	5	£(2	25,991)		£45,397
Statement of deficits/ 1984 retained profits	15				
By the company By the subsidiaries		£(13,855) £(12,136)		£43,105 £2,292	

The accounting policies and notes on pages 3 and 4 and 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

### AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## GROUP BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	Note	19	85		<u> 1984</u>
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	6		500		200
Tangible assets	7		207,019		268,362
Investments	8		52,997		76,997
			260,516		345,859
Current assets					
Stock	9	26,673		23,224	
Debtors	10	1,126,466		856,121	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,013,820		1,874,624	
		3,166,959		2,753,969	
Creditors: amounts falling	11	2,411,036		2,033,001	
due within one year	LT	2,411,030			
Net current assets			755,923		720,968
Total assets less current					
liabilities		3	1,016,439		1,066,827
Provision for liabilities and charges	12		11,948		36,345
		£.	1,004,491		£1,030,482
		-	2,004,472		
Capital and reserves					
Called-up share capital	14		100		100
Profit and loss account	15	:	1,004,391		1,030,382
		£	1,004,491		£1,030,482
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The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on

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## BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

	Note	19		£ 19	984 £
		£	£	L	L
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	6		500		500 268,362
Tangible assets	7		207,019 53,197		77,197
Investments	8				
			260,716		346,059
Current assets					
Stock	9	26,673		23,224	
Debtors	10	692,122		618,926	
Cash at bank and in hand		328,867		208,471	
		1,047,662		850,621	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	370,954		221,004	
add #2011211 Ollo year					
Net current assets			676,708		629,617
Total assets less current			937,424		975,676
liabilities Provision for liabilities			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
and charges	12		11,948		36,345
			£925,476		£939,331
•			====		
Capital and reserves					
Called-up share capital	14		100		100
Profit and loss account	15		925,376		939,231
-			£925,476		£939,331

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on

Pro September 1986

DIRECTORS

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# GROUP STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

	19	8 <u>5</u>	19	<u>84</u>
·	£	£	£	£
Source of funds				
From operations			•	
Profit on ordinary				42,890
activities before tax		59,114		42,690
Adjustments for items not				
involving movements of funds:	76,342		86,897	
Depreciation Profit on sale of fixed	70,342		00,027	
assets	_		(616)	
Amount written off				
investments	24,000		-	
		100,342		86,281
•		150 /5/		129,171
_		159,456		127,171
From other sources	1,195		-	
Group relief Proceeds from disposal of	_,			
tangible fixed assets	8,198		616	
Taxation recovered	38,840		14,150	
		48,233		14,766
		207,689		143,937
		201,005		
Application of funds Taxation paid	115,858		17,485	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	23,197		22,950	
Tutchase of congests		(139,055)		(40,435)
		(157,055)		
Net inflow of funds		£68,634		£103,502
Net Intlow of Idnas				
				+ 1575 L
Increases/(decreases) in working cap	ital	0.440		2,776
Stock		3,449 270,345		126,213
Debtors		270,343		,
Creditors: amounts falling due		(156,730)		(335,648)
within one year		`		
		117,064		(206,659)
Net liquid funds		((0 (00)		310,161
Bank balances and cash		(48,430)		
1 *** *** ****		£68,634		£103,502
Net increase in working capital				

## AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

1. Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

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

The profit on ordinary activities is stated after:

	•	<u>1.985</u> £	<u>1984</u> £
	Establishment costs Frofessional charges Auditors' remuneration Depreciation Exchange gain Deed of covenant	15,852 414,697 6,000 76,342 108,020 20,000	119,900 347,640 8,500 86,897 (131,741)
2.	Interest payable and similar charges		
	On bank loans and overdrafts repayable within 5 years otherwise than by instalments	<u>1985</u> £719	1984 £2,169
3.	Directors and employees		
	Staff costs during the year	1985 £	<u>1984</u> £
	Wages and salaries Social security	4,940,779 21,688	1,782,029 46,837
	•	£4,962,467	£1,828,866

The average number of employees of the company during the year was 8 (1984 14). Staff costs include directors' remuneration as follows:

Directors' fees

£4,892,707

£1,697,331

The emoluments of the directors excluding pension contributions were:

The highest paid director

£2,849,940

£509,572

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

3. Directors and employees (continued)

Other directors	<u>1985</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>Number</u>
	_	1
£345,001 to £350,000		1
£400,001 to £405,000	-	1
£435,001 to £440,000	<del>-</del>	-
£655,001 to £660,000	1	_
£670,001 to £675,000	1	-
16/0,001 to 10/5,000	1	-
£710,001 to £715,000	<del>-</del>	

4. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The taxation (charge)/credit is based on the result for the year and is

made up as follows:	<u>1985</u> £	1984 £
United Kingdom corporation tax Deferred taxation (note 12) Overseas taxation Overprovision for corporation tax in previous year	(21,124) 24,397 (91,530)	(60,386) 35,005 (1,048)
	3,152	28,936
	£(85,105)	£2,507

United Kingdom corporation tax has been charged at rates varying from 30% to 35% (1984 30% to 50%).

(Loss)/profit for the financial year

The company has taken advantage of sections 228 and 245 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 loss of £13,855 (1984 profit £43,105) which is dealt with in the financial statements of the parent company.

6. Intangible fixed assets

The group and the company

Cost at 1st October 1984 and 30th September 1985

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# AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7.	Tangible fixed assets			Plant,	
	The group and the company		Freehold	fixtures, fittings and	i Motor
		Total	property	equipment	
		£	£	£	£
	Cost	731,734	172,854	548.847	10,033
-	At 1st October 1984	23,197		23,197	-
	Additions	(14,901)	-	(12,101)	(2,800)
	Disposals				7 000
	At 30th September 1985	740,030	172,854	559,943	7,233
	Depraciation		4- 00/	439,395	6,693
	At 1st October 1984	463,372	17,284	72,444	441
	Provided in the year	76,342	3,457	(5,478)	(1,225)
	Disposals	(6,703)		(3,478)	(1,223)
	At 30th September 1985	533,011	20,741	506,361	5,909
	Net book amount at 30th September 1985	£207,019	£152,113	£53,582	£1,324
	Net book amount at 30th September 1984	£268,362	£155,570	£109,452	£3,340
		-			
8.	Fixed asset investments	mt		The c	ompany
			<u>group</u> 1984	1985	1984
		<u>1985</u> £	£	£	£
	Purchase of royalty and contractual rights	196,289	196,289	196,289	196,289
	Amounts written off At 1st October 1984 Provided in the year	(133,144) (24,000)	(133,144)	(133,144) (24,000)	(133,144)
	At 30th September 1985	39,145	63,145	39,145	63,145
	Investment in subsidiaries: shares at cost	13,852	13,852	14,052	14,052
		£52,997	£76,997	£53,197	£77,197

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

# 8. Fixed asset investments (continued)

The following companies are subsidiaries of Queen Productions Limited.

	Class of capital	Total issued capital	of share capital <u>owned</u>
Raincloud Productions Limited	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Mountain Studios (Montreux) Limited	Ordinary shares of fl each Shares of Sw.	100	100
Mountain Studios S.A. (incorporated in Switzerland)		50,000	100
Leach Productions Limited ) Queen Films Limited )	Ordinary shares	100 2	100 100
Rushing Water Productions Limited	of £1 each	100	100
Stock	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>	
The group and the company Goods for resale	£26,673	£23,224	
c.114-a dua w	ithin one year	<del></del>	

# 10. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

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Bernard Commence	The group		<u>The</u> 1985	The company 1985 1984	
	<u>1985</u> £	<u>1984</u> £	£	£	
Trade debtors Amounts owed by group companies	689,597 80,715	309,431 60,243	53,343 506,129	57,055 400,803	
Amounts owed by affiliated companies Other debtors Prepayments and accreed income	102,760 15,399 237,995	61,830 273,957 150,660	102,433 15,399 14,818	133,823 27,245	
	1,126,466	£856,121	£692,122	£618,926	

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

# 11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	The group		The company	
	1985	1984	<u> 1985</u>	. <u>1984</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdraft Directors' current accounts Trade creditors Amounts owed to group companies		4,362	_	1,921
	1,236,219	113,101	118,360	15,478
	64,369	232,424	31,252	44,460
	s 58,832	1,683	58,192	3,016
Amounts owed to affiliated	8.964		4.416	-
companies Current taxation Social security and other taxes Other creditors Accruals	43,054	9,375	40,997	5,091
	•		1,626	2,962
	122,333	1,398,605	116,711	148,076
	14,277	56,255		
	£2,411,036	£2,033,001	£370,954	£221,004

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.

12.	Provision for liabilities and charges  The group and the company	Deferred taxation (note 13)
	At 1st October 1984 Utilised during the year (note 4) At 30th September 1985	36,345 (24,397) £11,948
13.	Deferred taxation	The group and the company
		<u>1985</u> <u>1984</u>

Accelerated capital allowances 15,573 40,745
Other timing differences (3,625) (4,400)

£11,948 £36,345

## AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1985

14. Called-up share capital

1985 and 1984
Authorised, allotted,
called-up and fully paid

Ordinary shares of £1 each

£100

15. Profit and loss account

	Retained profits
At 1st October 1984 Loss for the year	The group The company f f 1,030,382 939,231 (25,991) (13,855
At 30th September 1985	£1,004,391 £925,376

16. Capital commitments

Neither the group nor the company had any capital commitments at 30th September 1985 or 30th September 1984.

17. Contingent liabilities

The group

At the date of these financial statements discussions in relation to certain fiscal matters were in progress. It is estimated that the potential liability to the group that could arise from these discussions is £250,000. It is not known whether this sum will ultimately be payable.

There were no contingent liabilities at 30th September 1984.

The company had no contingent liabilities at 30th September 1985 or 30th September 1984.

# DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

1011 1111	1985		1984	٤.	
	£	£	£	£	
Income		401,375		423,768	
Royalties receivable		401,373		28,51.3	
Net tour income		(30,124)		(11,673)	
Studio activities		11,195		16,009	
Interest receivable		437		602	
Issaing activities		2,364		554	
Appearance fees and other income		2,304		4,471	
Video income		4,006		11,985	
Miscellaneous income		4,000			
***************************************		389,253		474,229	
Overheads: Performance expenditure			7		
Clothing and makeup			4,977		
	5,264		49,059		
Freight Travelling and subsistence	18,298		56,503		
	29,584		54,102		
Insurance Royalties payable	64,208		15,104		
	33,942		1,683		
Publicity Repairs and maintenance	4,403		2,715		
Recording costs	7,435		2,715		
Video costs	1,156		_		
"Live Aid" expenses	19,275		8,920		
Equipment storage	9,387				
Edaibhenc acaras		102 052		193,070	
11		192,952	_	•	
Administration expenditure	81		6		
Bank charges and interest	(225,571)		(230,825)		
Services and facilities	6,057		11,158	•	
Fan Club and related activities	18,975		27,750		
Legal charges	51,520		93,218		
Salaries	4,206		4,343		
Printing, stationery and postage	224,079		284,198		
Professional fees	5,393		242		
Bad debts	2,436		2,260		
Rates	6,099		-		
Property repairs	14,014		(22,114)	)	
Exchange losses/(gains)	13,987		20,278		
Telephone	11,195		8,895		
Sundry expenses					
		132,471		199,409	
	47,675		47,285		
Depreciation	47,075		(616	)	
n sale of assets	24,000	1	-		
Amount written off investments					
	•	71,675		46,669	
		397,098		439,148	
Total overheads					
				£35,081	
(Loss)/profit on ordinary		£(7,845	)		
activities before taxation					