

Tess Taylor, President – NARIP (US)

Tess Taylor is president of the National Association of Record Industry Professionals (NARIP.com, est. 1998) which promotes career advancement, education and good will in the record industry and related music fields. She is creator of NARIP's Music Supervisor Sessions which have yielded over 700 music placements for participants and sold out in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Berlin, Paris and London.



One of the nation's leading authorities on careers in recorded music, Ms. Taylor has been called The Job Whisperer and has connected countless people to jobs and opportunities through her work in the U.S. and abroad, cultivated business and creative collaborations for over two decades, helped launch hundreds of projects and several companies.

She has consulted for leading businesses such as InsideSessions (a joint venture between the Universal Music Group and Penguin Putnam, Inc.), The Walt Disney Company, BMG Entertainment (formerly Sony BMG) and Concord Records. Dubbed "International Music Ambassador" by music supervisor P.J. Bloom (the Glee franchise, CSI: Miami), Ms. Taylor works with international music associations to connect their members to opportunities in major US music markets.

Ms. Taylor is a vigorous defender of intellectual property rights and has lectured throughout the U.S. and around the world in 13 countries to date, including at the Harvard Business School, in Berlin, Bangalore and elsewhere.

Ms. Taylor is also President of the LA Music Network (LAMN.com, est.1988) and creator of the LAMN Jam Music Contests which launched the Mowglis who won in 2011. LAMN Jams helped launch 2006 winner Tim Fagan who then won a Grammy with Colbie Caillat, and 2007 winner Aloe Blacc. From 1988 to 1993 Ms. Taylor was employed at MCA Records, Inc., last serving as Associate Director of Marketing. A classically trained pianist, she studied music at the University of Vienna and is a Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of Redlands' Johnston College where she received her BA degree in music, German language and literature. A coffee snob, she loves traveling the world, fine fountain pens, dogs (please adopt, don't buy!), hiking with her handsome English cocker spaniel, and the recordings of Glenn Gould and David Bowie.