
Queen Pulls the Plug on Trump Using 'We Are The Champions'

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The iconic British rock group Queen is trying to stop Donald Trump from using their hit song "We Are The Champions," lead guitarist Brian May revealed Thursday.

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The rock star said property tycoon Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee in the U.S. presidential elections, was using the song without permission.

May, 68, said he had received an "avalanche of complaints" about Trump using the anthem during a speech he gave Tuesday.

"Permission to use the track was neither sought nor given. We are taking advice on what steps we can take to ensure this use does not continue," May wrote on his website.

"It has always been against our policy to allow Queen music to be used as a political campaigning tool.

"Our music embodies our own dreams and beliefs, but it is for all who care to listen and enjoy."

"We Are The Champions" was written by the group's late lead singer Freddie Mercury in 1977 and is an enduring celebratory anthem heard at sports events.

Queen join a long list of artists who have refused to allow Trump to use their music, including the Rolling Stones, Neil Young, R. E. M. and Adele.

REM's Michael Stipe said, "Go fuck yourselves, the lot of you — you sad, attention-grabbing, power-hungry little men. Do not use our music or my voice for your moronic charade of a campaign," after Trump played "It's the End

of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)" at a rally.

Lawyers for Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler sent a cease and desist letter to Trump's campaign, saying that his use of the song "Dream On" gives "the false impression that he is connected with, or endorses Mr. Trump's presidential bid."
