

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

## **Radford Accident & Local Response Update**

We are all still reeling from the shock of last Tuesday's untimely death of brother Spike. While myself and the officers have been staying in touch with his family and his crew on Callback, I wanted to update you on what's been happening with regards to the perms on the studio lots as well as the non-union facilities. This is by no means comprehensive, but will seek to inform you of what's currently happening.

**Radford:** Up high access was immediately restricted on all stages last Tuesday. Qualified structural inspectors released access on one stage that night for our two spot operators on The Talk. After initial inspections, four stages continue to have restrictions on access, those being 2, 3, 9 and 10. Steward Michelle LeDoux continues to monitor.

**Raleigh Hollywood:** Netflix proactively initiates a review of all perms with VER Sales. President Weeks on site to advise and assist.

*IATSE Local 728 President Weeks: "I would like to highlight that Netflix Health and Safety was present during the VER Sales inspection of the fall protection systems that are in use for "The Resident." Both the CLT and Rigging Key Grip were on hand to bring to light immediate issues for correction. The Stage Managers and head of the facility were also present. Netflix and Raleigh Hollywood have now scheduled the inspection with an engineering firm to begin on 2/20 and will take several days to complete."*

**Sony and WB:** BR meetings completed. Preliminary reports of both studios reaching out to schedule with qualified inspector, Mike Sharnell. Studio safety inspecting perms. Steward John Jacobs and Bill Brown continue to monitor and advise. My office has met with SONY Labor Relations and requested all records of Inspections done over the strikes. Meeting with WB Labor Relations on February 27.

**Disney and Fox:** Labor Relations and the company is on notice from Local 728 regarding their inadequate response to the tragedy. Safety and Training Director Rowe is working with CalOSHA and Disney Safety on their investigations to ensure our crew is protected.

**Paramount:** I had a meeting with Labor Relations before the accident. Confirmed inspections were performed over work hiatus. I have further confirmed that each stage is currently being inspected, starting with the stages that are being used: Matlock – Stages 8,9 and After Midnight

& Paradise City – Stages 29, 30, 31 and 32. Also, a process for stage/perm/catwalk inspection is in place and includes Grip, Studio Facilities, Studio Safety and a member of the production to walk the areas and identify concerns prior to the start of production. Each stage is inspected again about a week prior to the production wrapping, so that damage to boards, railings, etc. can be identified and repaired. Productions are advised to contact either Safety or Production Services if they have concerns.

**Red Studios:** CLT on an upcoming production advised that he has reached out to Production for structural engineer records prior to the beginning of work.

**Universal:** BR meeting prior to the incident. Awaiting response from the employer.

This represents the immediate and short term response to the tragedy. This is a collective effort of the officers, staff, executive board, the stewards, trustees, The International, and the membership to assure that this never happens again. Every member of this union and the Alliance should go home safe.

We will continue doing the work and keeping you posted. If you see something, say something.

Please stay safe and take care of each other. And see you Saturday at the vigil.

In solidarity,

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative-Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

## Remembering J.C. “Spike” Osorio

On behalf of the family of our late member, J.C. “Spike” Osorio, we are sharing this remembrance.

[Remembering J.C. Spike Osorio, Local 728 - IATSE](#)



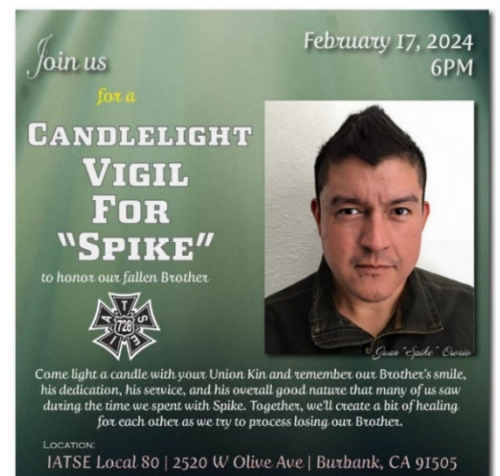
## Candlelight Vigil for J.C. “Spike” Osorio

Join us as we honor and remember the life of our brother, J.C. “Spike” Osorio. Come light a candle and share stories as we honor our fallen Brother.

**Date:** Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA | 91505

**Time:** 6PM



## 2024 IATSE-AMPTP Pre-Bargaining Update #1

Click on the link below to read the Pre-Bargaining Update #1.

[2024 IATSE-AMPTP Pre-Bargaining Update - IATSE](#)

New Basic Agreement Website can be found:

[IATSE 2024 Basic Agreement | Many Crafts, One Fight!](#)



## 2021 Local 728 Agreement

We have received the 2021 Local 728 Agreement. It is now available on the website. One major change is rate schedules for New Media/Streaming in the back of the book. We will have a motion for the membership to consider at the March General Membership Meeting.

[Contracts, Negotiations, & Wages | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)



## The CAT Team is coming for you!

WTF is a CAT you ask?

- A CAT is the structure through which we listen to, inform, and organize our members to help win the best contract possible.
- The CAT needs to support the work our bargaining team is doing at the negotiations table.
- The CAT provides two-way communications between Local 728 and our members.



## 2024 Bargaining Update

436 proposals have been sent to the IATSE in an unprecedented show of representation. Now the various IA sub committees made up of elected officers and rank-and-file will be sifting and sorting in an effort to arrive at a proposal for bargaining set to begin in March.

### **Bargaining of the Agreement set for March 4<sup>th</sup>!**

March Solidarity Rally (3/3/24 at 10AM-12PM at Woodley Park)



## Upcoming Events

### **Eviction Response Clinic**

The LA County Bar Association's Counsel for Justice is holding a free eviction defense clinic every third Thursday of the month.

LACBA CFJ Eviction Response Clinic

Time: 12-3PM (In-person)

Location: LA Law Library | 301 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. | Los Angeles, CA 90012

### **Registration Required**

RSVP: (213) 896-6593



## IATSE Runners Firecracker 2024

Member Dessie Coale made a team for the LA Chinatown Firecracker run this year (one that many L728 did last year). She's doing the 5K but you can do any of these events with the team name she created – "IATSE Runners"

Come show your solidarity as we enter the final weeks of 2024 Bargaining preparation!

- Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> -Bike and Paw'er Dog Walk
- Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>-5K & 10K Runs/Walks, Kiddie Run
- Location Start/Finish Line: 943 N. Broadway | Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Time: Varies depending on event

[L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5K/10K/Kiddie/PAW'er Dog Run/Walk & Bike Ride \(runsignup.com\)](https://www.runsignup.com)



## Negotiations Kickoff Rally

Save the Date for a Negotiations Solidarity Rally!

- Sunday, March 3rd
- Location: Woodley Park | 6350 Woodley Ave. | Van Nuys, CA 91436
- Time: 10AM-12PM

Additional details to follow.

FREE T-Shirts for Local 728 Members (while supplies last)

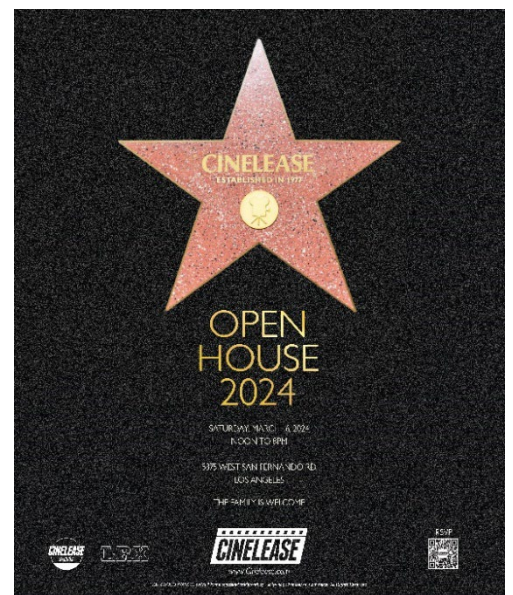


## CINELEASE Open House

CINELEASE is opening its doors for a day of special guests, games, live music, conversation, tech, and more! Come with friends or bring the family and enjoy the day.

- Saturday, March 16th
- Location: 5375 West San Fernando RD | Los Angeles, CA 90039
- Complementary Valet Parking
- Time: Noon-8PM PDT

[Cinelease Open House Tickets, Sat, Mar 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



# *In Memoriam*

## **Brother John A. Haskell**

A 50-year member of Local 728, Brother Haskell passed away on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

[Notice of passing: Brother John Haskell age 85 on 2-7-2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

### IN MEMORIAM

*Brother John A. Haskell*



John joined Local 728 on April 27, 1974 and received his 40 year service pin in January 2014. He passed away on February 6, 2024 at the age of 85.

## **Brother Juan "Spike" Osorio**

We are all mourning the loss of Brother, Juan Spike Osorio who passed away at the age of 41 on February 6, 2024.

A vigil will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Local 80, details at the beginning of this digest.

[Notice of Passing: Juan "JC" "Spike" Osorio on 2-6-2024 | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

[Fundraiser by Bill Martel : Juan "Spike" Wu Osorio \(gofundme.com\)](#)

### IN MEMORIAM

*Brother Juan "Spike" Osorio*



Juan was born on June 24, 1982 and passed away on February 6, 2024 at 41 years old.

He was initiated into the membership of Local 728 on September 17, 2016

*Career Credits (not limited to)*

'21-'19 Sydney to the Max | '19 Goliath | '18 A-X-L | '18 Ant-Man and the Wasp | '16 The Dark Tower

## Celebration of Life for Jim Moody

Join us to celebrate the life of Jim Moody on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

**Date:** March 2, 2024

**Time:** 2PM

**Location:** 5435 W. San Fernando Road | Los Angeles, CA 90039

[You're invited to "Jim Moody Celebration of Life."](#)  
[Tap here to RSVP - Paperless Post Card](#)

