

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

**IATSE | MPTF-Day at The Ranch** MPTF 100

Limited Amount of Passes available - Please reach out to the Local ASAP

## **US Rep Schiff sets Federal Film Tax Incentive process in motion**

Last week, the IATSE immediately expressed support for Congressman Schiff's announcement of his letter to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) requesting statistics relevant to ensuring the United States maintains its standing as a leader in the film and television production industry. Coupled with the announcement of last week from Gov. Newsom, there is much to look forward to in the coming years.

[IATSE Expresses Support for Federal Film and TV Tax Incentive Legislation, Other Measures to Keep Jobs in U.S. - IATSE](#)

Stay strong and be well.

In unity,

Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



## IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS! WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS



### IATSE Local 728 Hybrid Membership Meeting RSVP

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting is taking place as an Online/Hybrid Meeting. This meeting is for members only.

**When:** Saturday, November 9th

**Time:** 9AM

**Location:** IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd. | Burbank, CA 91506

**In-person RSVP:** [community@iatse728.org](mailto:community@iatse728.org)

**Zoom RSVP:** [solidarity@iatse728.org](mailto:solidarity@iatse728.org)

**RSVP by 3:00PM Friday November 8th** (include your full name and Union Card #)

Additional information about RSVP, Rules for Online/Hybrid Meetings, Meeting Packet and Reports can be found at the following link (some information will become available Friday evening after RSVPs have closed, log-in below for update):

**Log-in required to view content:**

[Membership Meeting Information | IATSE Local 728](#)

### IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes

The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes are available for review on the website.

**Log-in required to view content:**

[Meeting Minutes | IATSE Local 728](#)

### IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Program

Information for the 2025 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is now available on the website.

The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 Office is **Friday, February 7, 2025**.

[Scholarship Programs | IATSE Local 728](#)



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Honoring All Who Served  
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**Nov. 11th 2024**

## Save the Date: IATSE Local 728 Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Party

Come celebrate the holidays by donning your favorite ugly sweater! For additional details and to RSVP, please see below.

Thanks to our Signatory Shop VOLT for sponsoring this event AGAIN!

**When:** Saturday, December 21st

**Time:** 6PM – 10PM

**Location:** IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd. | Burbank, CA 91506

**RSVP:** [jshugart@iatse728.org](mailto:jshugart@iatse728.org)



## Upcoming Events

### MPTF Caregiver Webinar-Advance Care Directive

MPTF's Palliative Care team members will present information in the Advance Care Directive Workshop. An advance directive is a legal document that states a person's wishes for their medical team in the event they are unable to communicate with their team due to illness or injury.

**When:** Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4PM-5:15PM PT

**Location:** via Zoom

**Registration:** [Register Here](#)



## Virtual Family Caregiver Discussions

**Tuesday, November 12th, 2024**

Join Us From The Comfort Of Your Home



## Labor Community Services Food Distribution

Labor Community Services/Ford & Wallach are having a food distribution on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. See details below.

**When:** Saturday, November 16th

**Time:** 9AM-12PM

**Location:** Ford & Wallach | 3619 Motor Ave| Los Angeles, CA 90034

**LABOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**November 16, 2024**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Ford & Wallach**  
**3619 Motor Avenue**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90034**

**Drive Thru Distribution**

**United Way**  
GREATER LOS ANGELES

**Labor Community Services**  
LIVING WORKERS BACKUP  
LOS ANGELES

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR**

**FORD & WALLACH**

## Save the Date-2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lean In & Lean On Holiday Party and Toy Drive

The Hollywood Locals, Basic Crafts, and Teamsters will come together with Labor Community Services in support of our union sisters, brothers, and kin this holiday season. Additional details to come.

**When:** Saturday, December 21st

**Time:** 1PM – 5PM

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

For those who have the means, please consider a donation using the following link below:

<https://lcs-la.org/lean-in-and-lean-on>

### Toy Drive

If you are able to contribute, you can drop off unwrapped, unused toys at the Local 728 toy bin located inside the hall or any of the other donation bins.

Toys will be distributed to families at the holiday party on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2ND ANNUAL LEAN IN AND LEAN ON**  
**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**

The Hollywood studio IATSE locals, Teamsters, and Basic Crafts are once again partnering with Labor Community Services to provide families with a holiday party and holiday gifts.

Collection boxes will be set up at participating locals and studio facilities please donate **NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS**. You can also scan the QR code below to make a monetary donation for the purchase of new toys. If you can **PLEASE** give and help the families in our community this holiday season!

**GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 21, 2024.**

**SCAN HERE**

**TO MAKE A DONATION**

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Local 600, LIUNA, and various other union logos.

## Union Resources

### Entertainment Community Fund-Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment

From November 1, 2024, to January 31, 2025, the Affordable Care Act will be in open enrollment period and the Entertainment Community Fund can help. See flyers below or [Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment 2024-2025 | Entertainment Community Fund](#)



# Entertainment Community Fund

## How We Help

### Get Counseling & Resources

With respect and understanding, our professional social workers help address matters such as HIV, women's health, the impact of injury and disability, senior services, and addiction and recovery. Our resources include counseling and support groups, education and practical help.

### Enrich Your Career

As experts in career counseling, employment training and job development, we help you manage your arts career, develop freelance and entrepreneurial opportunities, discover meaningful industry-adjacent work or transition to a new career.

### Stay Healthy & Insured

Our brokers and navigators provide personalized, unbiased health insurance counseling, guidance and enrollment support, and referrals to health care resources.

### Find Housing

We operate affordable housing residences in New York City and Los Angeles that include supportive services for seniors, people with disabilities and residents living with HIV/AIDS. We also offer educational programs and resources on affordable housing and other housing-related issues.

### Find Care at the Actors Fund Home

Our experienced social workers develop plans to meet each person's unique needs. The Actors Fund Home in New Jersey provides short-stay rehabilitation, assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care services for those who have dedicated a major portion of their professional lives to performing arts and entertainment, and their immediate families.

### Manage Your Finances

We provide education and support regarding cash flow management, credit and debt, savings and investing, tax planning and student loans. Our free workshops help participants address their beliefs and behaviors pertaining to money and increase their financial stability.

### Get Support for Young Performers

Looking Ahead, created in partnership with SAG-AFTRA, is a national program that supports the mental health and wellbeing of professional young performers in the entertainment industry and their families. Looking Ahead redefines the narrative of what it means to be a professional young performer.

## Get in touch



### Western Region

5757 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Toll-free: 800.221.7303

Western Region: 888.825.0911

[western@entertainmentcommunity.org](mailto:western@entertainmentcommunity.org)

Sign up for our e-newsletter to learn more about our free and confidential services at [entertainmentcommunity.org/SignUp](http://entertainmentcommunity.org/SignUp).

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# Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions

Getting health insurance or finding quality medical care can be confusing for anyone. EHIS offers Western region residents personalized counseling, identifies coverage options and helps members of the entertainment and performing arts community understand and enroll in a plan that best fits their needs.

## Our Experienced Staff of Licensed Agents Provides:

- Unbiased, comprehensive counseling by phone
- Advocacy for industry members on union or employer plans
- Enrollment assistance in medical, dental, vision and travel health insurance plans
- Enrollment assistance in Medi-Cal, Covered California plans, Child Health Insurance Program, Medicare and Medicare products
- Review of alternatives to COBRA

In addition, we offer free educational workshops with comprehensive information on the latest insurance options:

### Every Artist Insured

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 12pm PT

To request individual counseling or enroll in a workshop, visit [ehisca.com](http://ehisca.com)

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## **MPTF/ECF Insurance Services**

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

## **Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions (EHISCA)**

As was reported at the last General Membership Meeting, MPI is eliminating Premium-Free COBRA for members to help keep the Plans in their current healthy status. This was done in light of projected work hours being lower than normal for the foreseeable future. If you are in danger of losing your MPI insurance, reach out to MPTF for their assistance in finding Health Insurance through the California Marketplace at <https://ehisca.com>



**Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions**

## **Mental Health Tools and Resources**

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

## **IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits**

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including:

- Unemployment/Disability Insurance
- Sick Dues
- Life Insurance
- Honorable Withdrawal
- MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans)
- Motion Picture & Television Fund
- Assistance Information

**Log-in required to view content:** [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

# IATSE PAC

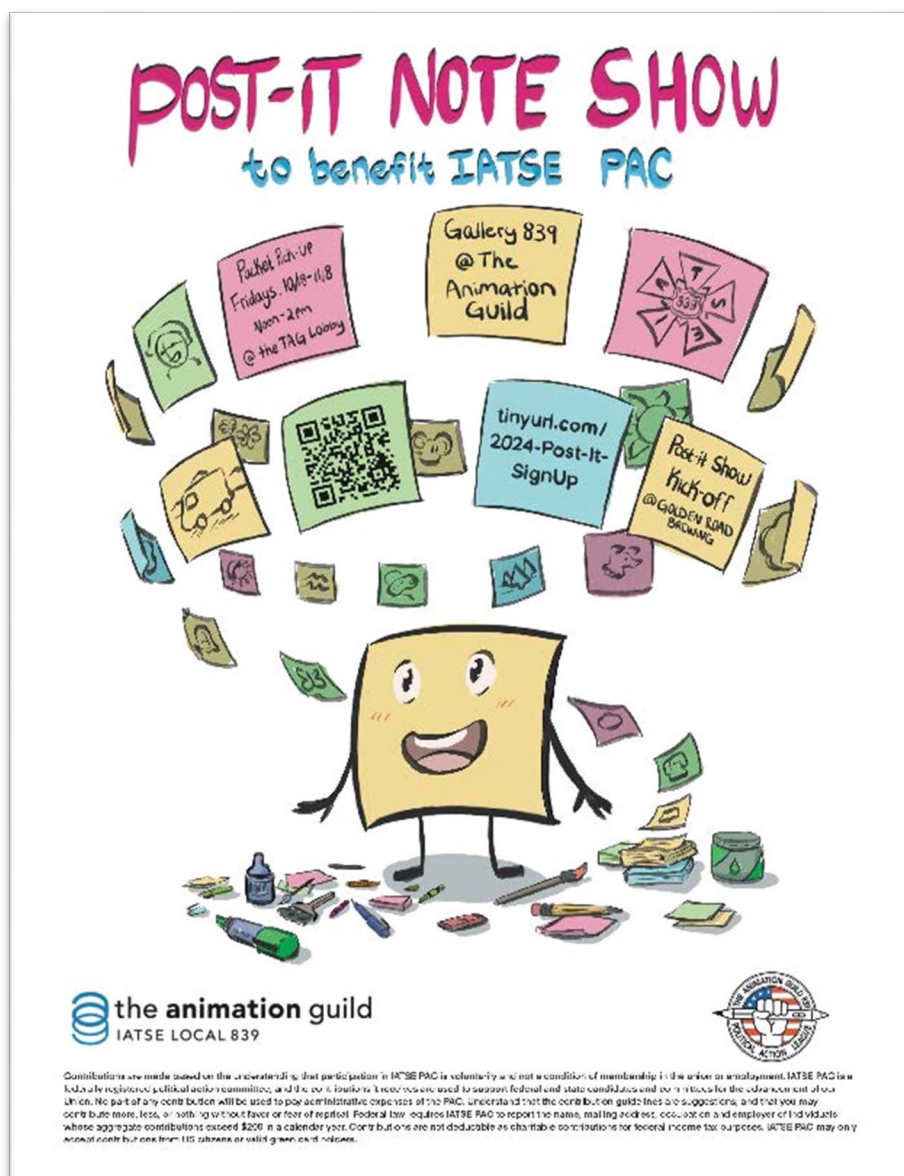
## TAG's Post-It Note Show fundraiser for the IATSE PAC

IATSE Local 839 TAG The Animation Guild is accepting artwork for the 2024 Post-It Note Show, Auction and Holiday Party. This is the 6th year they have done it, raising thousands for the IATSE PAC!

While it's TAG's fundraiser, it's open to any IATSE member to participate in submitting Post-It Note artwork!

Here is the sign-up link for members and more information: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-Post-It-SignUp>

And please Save the Date for Dec. 7. TAG will be hosting an in-person show and holiday party in Gallery 839 - TAG's art gallery.





## IATSE PAC

The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)



## *In Memoriam*

### **Brother Matthew “Doc” Brashear**

A 9-year member of Local 728, Brother Brashear passed away on November 5, 2024.

[Notice of member passing: Matthew "Doc" Brashear on 11-5-2024 | IATSE Local 728](#)

