



In The Spotlight this week!

We are proud to announce the **SUPER SOFT LAUNCH** of the **NEW** www.iatse728.org! We will be field testing as well as making adjustments. Let us know your thoughts by filling out [this form](#). Thank you for your patience!
Look for the "New Account" email, reset your password and login!

IATSE Disaster Relief Foundation

In times like this in dealing with the Malibu fires, we are reminded of the resources that are available to us from the IATSE.

The IATSE Walsh/Di Tolla/Spivak Foundation is there to provide assistance to members of the IATSE if you have suffered losses due to a natural disaster:

[Disaster Response Committee - IATSE, The Union Behind Entertainment](#)

Don't forget to RSVP for the party this Saturday. Details below.

I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

The office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and on Wednesday, January 1st for New Years' Day.

In unity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

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 and LIGHTSCAPE for sponsoring this event.

When: Saturday, December 21st

Time: 6PM – 10PM

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

RSVP: jshugart@iatse728.org



Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Party

When: Saturday December 21st
Time: 6:00 - 10:00pm
Where: Local 728

Come celebrate the holidays by donning your favorite ugly sweater! Prize for the best dressed will be awarded.

White Elephant will begin at 7:30pm. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less.

Round table pizza as well as beer, wine, & hard seltzer will be served.

 **Coffee Bar**
Sponsored by:

 **Pizza**
Sponsored by:

 **RSVP** jshugart@iatse728.org



IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

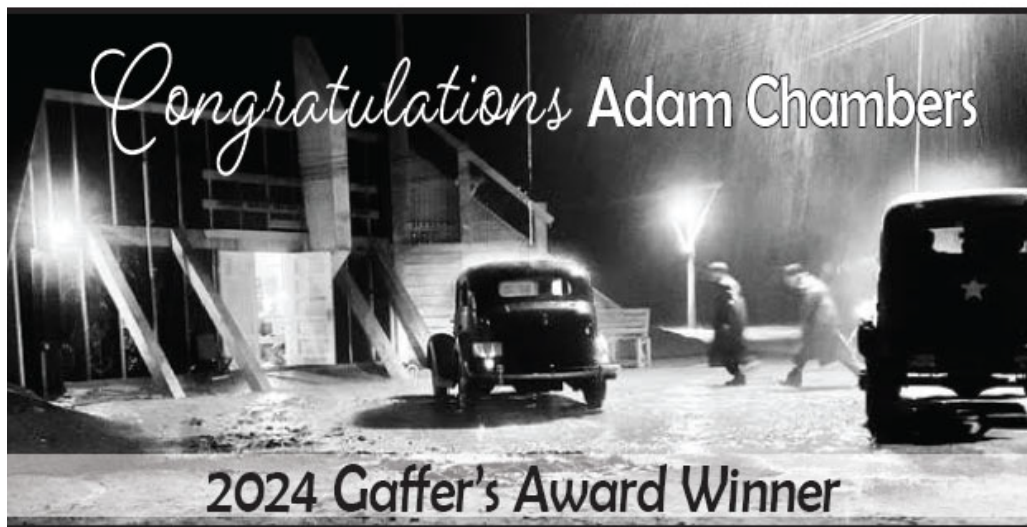
The extended version of the bulletin is now available on the website!

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- 2024 Gaffer's Award Winner – Adam Chambers
- Contract Corner
- Projections of Income & Expenses and Dues for 2025
- Expansion of the California Film Tax Credit
- Safety & Training Updates

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[The Bulletin No. 9](#)



In November, Local 728 proudly presented member Adam Chambers with the 2024 Gaffer's Award for his extraordinary work on the Academy Award winning film *Oppenheimer*. Vice President Malakhi Simmons' indepth interview with Adam is featured beginning on Page 4.



This special online issue includes the expanded interview with Adam Chambers along with more photos from the set!

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Projections of Income, Expenses & Dues for 2025

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Expansion of the California Film Tax Credit





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Unite to Secure Our Future

[Click here](#) to unite with thousands of your fellow workers and learn more about how you can protect the future of California's entertainment industry.



UNITE TO SECURE OUR FUTURE

Our Entertainment Union Coalition (EUC), made up of the California IATSE Council, Directors Guild of America, LiUNA! Local 724, SAG AFTRA, and Teamsters Local 399 members, is committed to championing the expansion of opportunities for production in California.

For over a century, our community throughout the state has been the beating heart of the global entertainment industry, shaping culture, driving innovation, and fueling economic growth. Through taxes and tourism, each of us contributes significantly to the state's prosperity and to the programs and benefits its residents rely on.

To protect this critical industry and its contributions to our state's economy, Governor Gavin Newsom recently proposed more than doubling California's Film & Television tax incentives for productions that shoot across our state. This is a game-changing proposal, and the governor is counting on our unions to be allies as we prioritize workers, strengthen California's competitiveness, and revitalize production.

Now it's time for all of us to unite behind a campaign that puts workers first by creating and protecting entertainment jobs that bring benefits to the millions of people who reside in the state.

Starting in January, we will need your support, voices, and action throughout the 2025 legislative cycle to partner with legislators and spread awareness among friends, family, and your community.

TAKE ACTION NOW


Sign our pledge unite with thousands of your fellow workers and learn more about how you can protect the future of California's entertainment industry.

When our industry thrives, so does California.

First QTR 2025 and ACH Dues Payment

First Quarter Dues are due on or before January 1, 2025. If you have already paid your dues, you don't need to do anything more. If you signed up for ACH Dues Payment (i.e. ACH Withdrawal), your First Quarter dues will be withdrawn on Tuesday, December 31st.


For additional dues information or to download an ACH form, please visit (log-in required): <https://www.iatse728.org/members/information>



FIRST QTR 2025 Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website.

Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at www.iatse728.org

Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1



MyConnex Resources & Reporting Tool

By entertainment workers for every worker, the IATSE is proud to offer Local 728 members access to the MyConnex Reporting Tool & Resources.

MyConnex is an all-in-one online tool that gives members streamlined access to reporting, resources, and education.

Explore resources, learn your rights, and access reporting procedures to choose your next steps.

[IATSE Local 728 MyConnex Access](#)

This site is for IATSE members only. The password was emailed to you on December 3. For a new password, please call the hall or email community@iatse728.org

Read the statement at the following link:

[IATSE Joins Hollywood Commission's MyConnex Misconduct Reporting Platform - IATSE](#)



What is MyConnex?

The MyConnex Resources & Reporting Tool is an all-in-one online tool, resource center, and reporting system for entertainment industry workers.

Explore resources, learn your rights, and access reporting procedures to confront harassment, bullying, and other workplace abuse.

By entertainment workers, for every worker.



Assimilate Live FX – December Promo

Discount for Local 728 members from now until the end of the month of December. See details below for code and store link.

<https://store2.assimilateinc.com/product/live-fx/>

LOCAL 728

25% OFF

annual and permanent licenses

use coupon code: **LIGHTUP728!**



Live FX

Image-based lighting and more!

www.assimilateinc.com

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](#)

If you would like to contribute to the IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund to help educate future generations, you can mail or drop off a check at the Local 728 office. The fund is NOW a 501c3 and your donation is tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to: IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund

55th Annual Scholarship Awards-Walsh/Di Tolla/Spivak Foundation

Applications for the Richard F. Walsh/Alfred W. Di Tolla/Harold P. Spivak Foundation 55th Annual Scholarship Awards are now available. Each winner of the TEN scholarships will receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds which will be paid out at \$2,500 per year directly to the recipient's educational institution over a four-year period. Counting the 2024 awards, the Foundation will have had 130 scholarship recipients to date.

To be considered for the scholarship, you must mail in a completed application form, along with the required documents that can be found here:

iatse.net/scholarship/.

The deadline for mailing your completed application is December 31, 2024.



IATSE Local 728 Hardship Fund

At our recent November Membership Meeting, changes to our new Local 728 Hardship Fund Loan program were announced. Now to qualify for an interest free loan of up to \$2,500.00, a member needs only to show that they have had \$9,000.00 or less in gross income from covered work in the industry in the past 90 days.

The loan is repayable within one year from the date issued. A member cannot have any other debt to the Local and may not be more than 2 quarters in arrears on their membership dues. Instructions on how to apply can be found here: <https://www.iatse728.org/blog/local-728-hardship-fund>

If you have any questions about the program or your qualifications, please call me at the Local 818-954-0728.

In solidarity,



Pascal M. Guillemard
Treasurer-Call Steward
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



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



Upcoming Events

2nd 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.

When: Saturday, December 21st

Time: 1PM – 5PM

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

[Register Here for Party & Toy Giveaway](#)

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

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

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Lean In & Lean On Holiday Party. Various volunteer slots are available for the following days: 12/20, 12/21, 12/21 and 12/23. See QR Code below for sign-up.

ENTERTAINMENT UNION MEMBERS & FAMILIES OF HOLLYWOOD
IATSE LOCALS, BASIC CRAFTS, & TEAMSTERS 399
ARE INVITED TO:

2ND ANNUAL LEAN IN AND LEAN ON

HOLIDAY PARTY



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

BOUNCE HOUSE, PHOTOS WITH SANTA, PETTING ZOO,
HOLIDAY CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, TOY GIVEAWAY,
FOOD DISTRIBUTION, FOOD STANDS

WHERE:

LOCAL 80

2520 W. OLIVE AVE., BURBANK, CA 91505

WHEN:

DECEMBER 21, 2024

TIME:

1PM - 5PM

SCAN



TO RSVP

Brought To You By:



2ND ANNUAL LEAN IN AND LEAN ON

HOLIDAY PARTY

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGN UP HERE:



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Union Resources

Mental Health for Members

MPTF has identified a therapy practice that is in-network for MPI Active Plan and Retiree Plan participants. This practice has over 300 credentialed providers, has cultural competence in serving entertainment industry members, and has much greater availability than UCLA Behavioral Health Associates and many other providers listed on the MPI “Live and Work Well” portal. Members can reach out directly via <https://silverlakepsychology.com/>. However, MPTF is happy to facilitate this referral as well, as we assess mental health upon every contact.

New Provider Alert-Alliance Wellness Care

Barriers to access for in-network psychiatrists continue to be significant; the wait time for a UCLA Behavioral Health Associates psychiatrist is several months.

Alliance Wellness Care, a new MPI in-network outpatient psychiatry practice is now available with locations in Encino, Inglewood, and the MPTF campus. Call 747-264-9202 for details.

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.

[Every Artist Insured Open Enrollment 2024-2025 | Entertainment Community Fund](#)

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 \(iatse728.org\)](https://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 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

IATSE PAC

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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](#)

