

EARLY EDITION

Local 728

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In The Spotlight this week!

Juneteenth

The hall will be closed on Thursday, June 19th per the provisions of the 2024 Basic Agreement.



Now Streaming | Lightning Safety for the Motion Picture & Television Industry

Now Streaming and available at the Lightning Safety Resources Section.

Mike Skinner and Alan Rowe review Safety Bulletin #38, Addendum A - Lightning Safety as recommended by the Industry-Wide Labor-Management Safety Committee for the Motion Picture and Television Industry.

[Lightning Safety Resources | IATSE Local 728](#)



IATSE Local 728 Set Lighting Technician Certification Program

Join our comprehensive training program and gain hands-on experience. Seeking both emerging and experienced Set Lighting Technicians who are ready to elevate their craft, expand their skillset, and take their careers to the next level.

Apply by July 2, 2025

<https://training728.org/upskill>

Eligibility:

- Existing set lighting technicians
- Impacted by Strikes

- Impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic
- Veterans
- Graduates of Affiliated Training Programs or internship
- Must be resident of LA County

See below for additional details.

 	 <p>BRIC ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT HIGH ROAD TRAINING PARTNERSHIP</p>	  <p>Approved trainer for ETCP renewal credits</p>
 <h1>IATSE LOCAL 728 SET LIGHTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM</h1>		
<p>Chartered in 1934, I.A.T.S.E. Local 728 is the only labor organization in the world solely dedicated to the art of lighting and power for motion picture/television production.</p>		
<p>Join our comprehensive training program and gain hands-on experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Portable Power Distribution Systems ✦ Control & Data Systems ✦ Mappable LED Fixtures ✦ Electrical & Overhead Rigging ✦ Balloon Lighting ✦ Fundamentals of Console Programming ✦ Lighting Plots & Shop Orders ✦ Intro to Live Event Lighting & Power Systems <p>BONUS: Earn your Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 General Industry Card —with a special focus on the entertainment industry! Upon completion, you'll be provided the opportunity to take one Entertainment Technician Certification Program (ETCP) Electrical Certification Exam!</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing set lighting technicians • Impacted by Strikes • Impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic • Veterans • Graduates of Affiliated Training Programs or Internship • Must be resident of LA County 	
<p>Apply by July 2, 2025</p> <p>https://training728.org/upskill</p> 	<p>Schedule:</p> <p>Application and Interviews June 2 – July 2, 2025</p> <p>Selection Notification July 5 – July 8, 2025</p> <p>Cohort Engagement Mid-July through Late-October Schedule varies by Module</p> <p>Graduation October 2025</p> <p>Dates are subject to change. Official dates will be shared in interviews to confirm availability.</p>	



THIRD 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



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



NEW! Production List available on the Local 728 website Dashboard!
Thank you to Local 600 for compiling and sharing this resource.



PROTECT OUR INDUSTRY, OUR JOBS, AND OUR FUTURE.

#KEEPCALIFORNIAROLLING

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED RIGHT NOW:

WRITE A LETTER: We are re-launching our letter writing campaign to address the urgency of the moment and target Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, Senate Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Senate Budget Chair Scott Wiener and Assembly Budget

Chair Jesse Gabriel and your own representatives in the Senate and Assembly.

- We sent over 200,000 back in April and we will need to surpass this number as we approach the week of June 9th which will be our key target week.
- If you already wrote a letter, WE NEED YOUR VOICE AGAIN.
- Share on Social Media and with your friends, family members and colleagues. We will need everyone's voice in this fight.

[Write a Letter](#)

- **SHARE KEEP CALIFORNIA ROLLING: Reel Jobs Need Real Action Video**

- Not only is the letter embedded in every single letter you send to your elected officials, help use this video to inspire others to support our industry.
- We have just released our Keep California Rolling video highlighting member stories about what our California Film and Television Jobs Program means to our members, small businesses and our community.

[Watch the Video](#)

My Connex Reporting Tool | Webinar

Join us for a webinar event to discuss the My Connex app. The recording will be made available after the webinar on the IATSE Local 728 website.

When: Thursday, June 26

Time: 12 PM

Location: via Zoom

Link: Check your email. Please refer to the emailed version of this Weekly Digest for the link.

**The MyConnex Reporting Tool is
for workers from the following
organizations:**



AMAZON MGM STUDIOS

NETFLIX



Connect to what you need. Choose what's next.

The MyConnex Resources & Reporting Tool and Ombuds Office for safer workplaces. Explore resources, learn your rights, and access reporting procedures to choose your next steps.

By entertainment workers, for every entertainment worker.

Join us to learn more about this innovative tool that is now available to you as a member of IATSE. The presentation will review the key features of the reporting tool, services you can access through the Ombuds and answer any questions you may have.

Action: Sign the IATSE Local B-192 Petition in Favor of Dodgers Tour Guides Receiving Fair Wages & Benefits

Despite Dodger tour guide's essential role, they're being underpaid and unfairly treated. The Dodgers are trying to take away existing benefits - benefits that were promised as part of the job - simply because the guides voted to unionize.

Signing this petition means standing up for fairness, decency, and the workers who make the Dodgers experience great.

[Sign the Petition](#)



Do Not Sign the Boss's Phony Petition | Unite Here!

For the next 30 days, if anyone at the grocery store, park, or in the neighborhood asks you to sign something, DO NOT SIGN IT! The hotels and airlines are circulating a petition to take away the Olympic Wage passed by LA City Council.

DON'T SIGN



NO FIRME

PAID FOR BY UNITE HERE LOCAL 11 PAC, 464 S. LUCAS AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90017, FUNDING DETAILS AT ETHICS.LACITY.GOV.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate Pride Month

June 2025



Stamp Out Hunger | Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sort out the food that was collected during this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive!

When: Various Dates through July 2025

Time: 8AM – 1PM and 1PM – 4PM (2 shifts)

Location: Salvation Army | 5600 Rickenbacker Road, Bldg 1D | Bell, CA 90201 (Take Mansfield Way & Continue on the road to destination)

Sign-Up: [Here](https://lcs-la.org/stamp-out-hunger)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help Labor
Community Services
sort out the donated
food that was collected
during this year's Stamp
Out Hunger Food Drive!



**MONDAY - SATURDAY
MAY 20TH - JULY 1ST
2 TIME SHIFTS
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**SALVATION ARMY
5600 RICKENBACKER ROAD, BLDG 1D
BELL, CA 90201
TAKE MANSFIELD WAY & CONTINUE
ON THE ROAD TO DESTINATION**

**To Sign Up To Volunteer, Please Sign Up At
<https://lcs-la.org/stamp-out-hunger>**

**For Organizations and Groups Who Would Like To
Volunteer, Please Contact Marcos Juan at
(323) 620-3030 | marcos@lcs-la.org**

MPTF Webinar: Navigating the Health Care Maze: Your Guide to Medicare

Please join representatives from Motion Picture Industry Health Plan and Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions for an important webinar on Medicare Coordination of Benefits.

When: Tuesday, June 24th

Time: 6:00-7:00PM PT

Location: via Zoom

[Register Here](#) by June 23rd.



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Options for MPI Covered Participants

Join Us From The Comfort Of Your Home



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ZOOM Workshop

Union Resources

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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

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 First Aid Resources](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes Video](#)

[Behind the Scenes - Supporting Mental Health and Wellness](#)

Log-in for access to the following:

[MPI's Mental Health and Wellness Resources](#)

[Wondr Health- Cope Better, Stress Less](#)

[CALM Subscription Information](#)

[Optum- Tools and Videos related to Mental Health](#)

Behind The Scenes | New Mental Health Survey

Working in this industry is hard – physically and mentally. Behind the Scenes has launched a survey to aid in developing new tools and resources for our industry during these changing times. We want to hear your thoughts on what you need now. If you're in the US or Canada please take this brief survey and share it with your colleagues.

btslink.org/survey



Take the survey today!
btslink.org/survey

What tools and resources
can support your mental health?

Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions- EHISCA

If you are in need of alternative to employer provided health insurance, please reach out to Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions at MPTF. Their staff is trained to assist members of the entertainment community navigate the complex California health insurance marketplace.

ehisca.com

IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

iatse.net/socal-fires/

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

Union Plus | Health Discounts for Union Members

Check out the list of Union Plus Health Discounts for Union Members and their families.

unionplus.org/benefits/health

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! L728.co/iatsepac

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

