

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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## *In The Spotlight this week!*

Production List now available on the Local 728 website Dashboard!

### **Know your Contract: “Drive-To Waivers”**

We sometimes receive correspondence from the IATSE about zone waivers for location work. When we do we send out this information to the crew when we have contact information (Call in your shows!). These waivers are issued to address members who may prefer to report directly to a location rather than drive to the studio for transport.

As an FYI, these terms are **voluntary** and not a **condition of employment**.

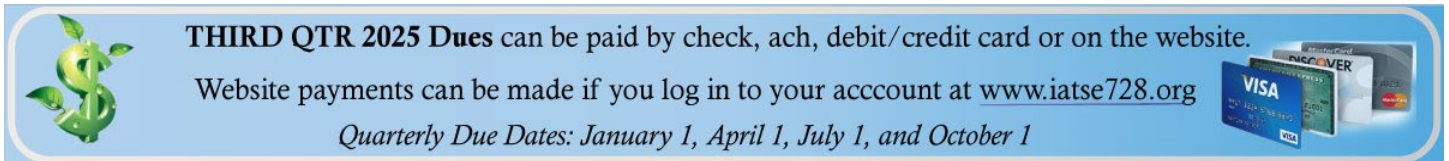
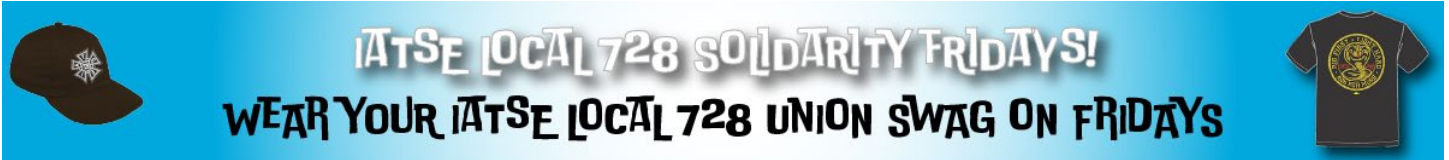
If you have any questions, please let me know.

I am thrilled by the passage of the new CA Film Tax Incentive and hoping work gets more plentiful soon.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves  
Business Representative - Secretary  
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728



### **Active in your faith? | We need your help!**

The California Federation of Labor Unions is seeking members who are active in their local congregations to reach out to their faith leaders and encourage them to allow for a union member to briefly address the congregation and share worker stories.

Are you active in your church, temple, synagogue or mosque? We want to hear from you! We are looking for people willing to speak to their congregation, or to get their faith leader to speak out- on the right to organize, the importance of healthcare and/ or immigrants' rights.

**Information/Contact:** Diamond Brandon | [diamond@calaborfed.org](mailto:diamond@calaborfed.org)

## CALLING ALL UNION MEMBERS WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THEIR CONGREGATION!



Labor and faith communities have a long history of uniting for dignity, justice, and respect for all workers. There is a chance this Labor Day season for you to bring union members and congregations together to uplift the right to organize and collective bargaining, and stand up for fair wages, healthcare, and immigrants!

### **The California Federation of Labor Unions is seeking:**



Union members active in your congregation, who can help connect us with your faith leader.



Union members or leaders willing to share brief remarks during a service to uplift the call to protect workers.

**KEY DATES:** August 22-24 | August 29-September 1 | September 5-7



For more information, contact Diamond Brandon at:  
**[Diamond@calaborfed.org](mailto:Diamond@calaborfed.org)**

### **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](#)



## *Upcoming Events*

### **CDG Movie Matinee+ Panel Discussion | The Power of Hollywood Glamour**

The Costume Designers Guild Movie Night is pleased to invite you to a Matinee screening of the 1946 film, *Gilda* celebrating the legendary costumes of Jean Louis, whose designs turned "Put the Blame on Mame" into a fashion moment for the ages!

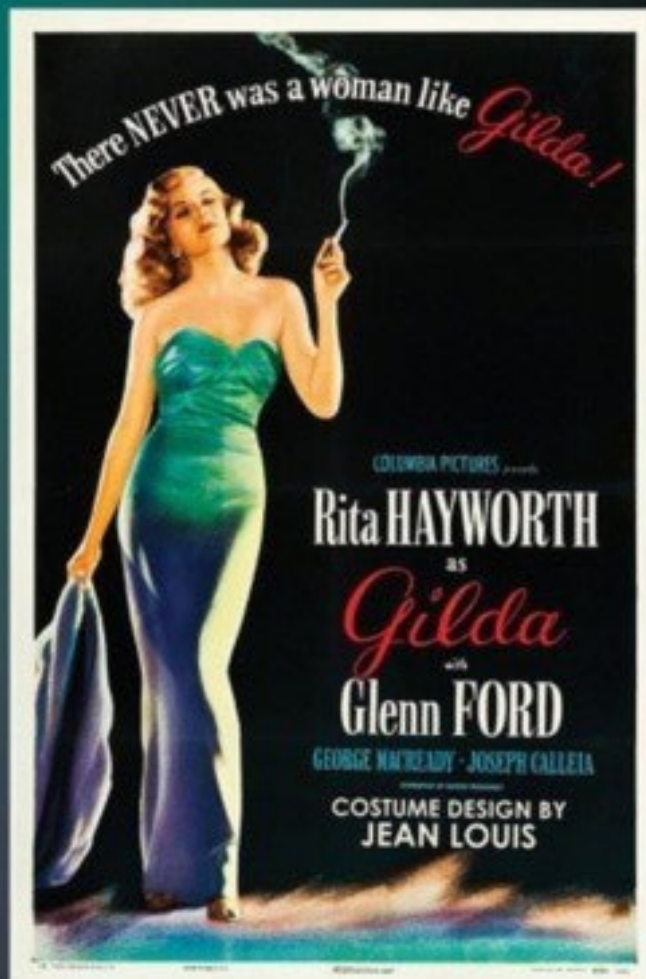
**When:** Sunday, July 13th

**Time:** Doors open at 9:30AM, Screening begins at 10AM; Following the Film: Panel Discussion & Q&A

**Location:** Laemmle Noho 7 | 5240 Lankershim Blvd | North Hollywood, CA 91601 | Parking lot is located at 11144 Weddington Street (one block North of the theater, on the south side of the street.) The Lot is also labeled "5250 Parking".

**RSVP Needed:** <https://forms.gle/hveuCDyU1p3YHhvC8>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
A CDG MOVIE NIGHT MATINEE OF



FOLLOWED BY  
**THE POWER OF HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR**  
PANEL DISCUSSION & Q&A WITH  
**DORIS RAYMOND** | THE WAY WE WORE  
**LAUREN LEPIRE** | TIMELESS VIXEN  
MODERATED BY COSTUME DESIGNER **ELIZABETH MEREDITH**

**DOORS OPEN 9:30AM | 10AM SCREENING**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025**

**LAEMMLE NOHO 7**

5240 LANKERSHIM BLVD.  
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601

CONCESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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## **IATSE Local 728 Hybrid Membership Meeting Information**

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

**When:** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9AM

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

**RSVP by 3PM Friday July 18th** with your Full Name and Union Card Number.

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

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

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, July 18th after RSVPs have closed).

Click on the link below for more information:

[Membership Meeting Information](#)

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**JULY 19, 2025**



**RSVP Information Now Available!**

- CA Tax Incentives
- AICP Contract
- ETCP Certification

**🕒 9AM**

**📍 IATSE Local 728  
In-person & Zoom**

## **Save the Date | Day at the Ranch**

Join us for a great family picnic and help raise funds for MPTF's programs and services. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details coming your way.

**When:** Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11AM- 3PM

**Location:** Calamigos Ranch | Malibu, CA

[mptf.com/dayattheranch](https://mptf.com/dayattheranch)



**Sunday, November 16, 2025**  
**Calamigos Ranch**  
11:00am - 3:00pm • Lunch from 12:00pm -2:00pm

Join us for a fun family picnic as we raise funds and celebrate MPTF's 100 years of service!

**[MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch](https://mptf.com/DayAtTheRanch)**  
for tickets and sponsorship information



Contact [events@mptf.com](mailto:events@mptf.com)  
with any questions or for more information

# *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 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

## **Food Distribution & Assistance**

Labor Community Services continues to have food distributions for those facing hardship or food insecurity. For upcoming dates and times, please continue to check the following link (updates regularly)

[Events | Labor Community Services](#)

To locate a pantry near you and for information on LA Regional Food Bank, CalFresh, Meals on Wheels, WIC, and more, click on the following link.

<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

## **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

[Optum Mental Health Resources| Accessible all year-round](#)

[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](https://btslink.org/survey)



Take the survey today!  
**[btslink.org/survey](https://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](https://ehisca.com)

## **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

[iatse.net/socal-fires/](https://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](https://unionplus.org/benefits/health)

# *IATSE PAC*

## **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! [L728.co/iatsepac](https://L728.co/iatsepac)

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



## **IATSE PAC**

Political Action Committee of  
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees