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In The Spotlight this week!

New and improved

IATSE Local 728 Phone System!



When you call the Local, you will hear a greeting and music while your call is answered in the order received.

NEW After hours menu options



Rates, Pension, IAP, and Convention Update

August means new rates. Please check the website for details at <https://www.iatse728.org/contracts/wage-scales> (Log-In required). It also means you should have received an email stating that your MPI Pension Plan and Individual Account Plan Annual Statement for 2024 is now available. To access, log in to www.mpiphp.org, click on the "Retirement" tab, and select "My 1099s and Statements." The 2024 statement will be listed under "My Statements."

Local 728's delegates and leadership have returned from the week-long District and Quadrennial Conventions. In a future issue of the Bulletin, many of the delegates will provide key takeaways from the union proceedings, including the strengthened #IASolidarity amongst all the IATSE locals across the United States and Canada. We are stronger together, and we will rely on that strength in our future negotiations.

In solidarity,

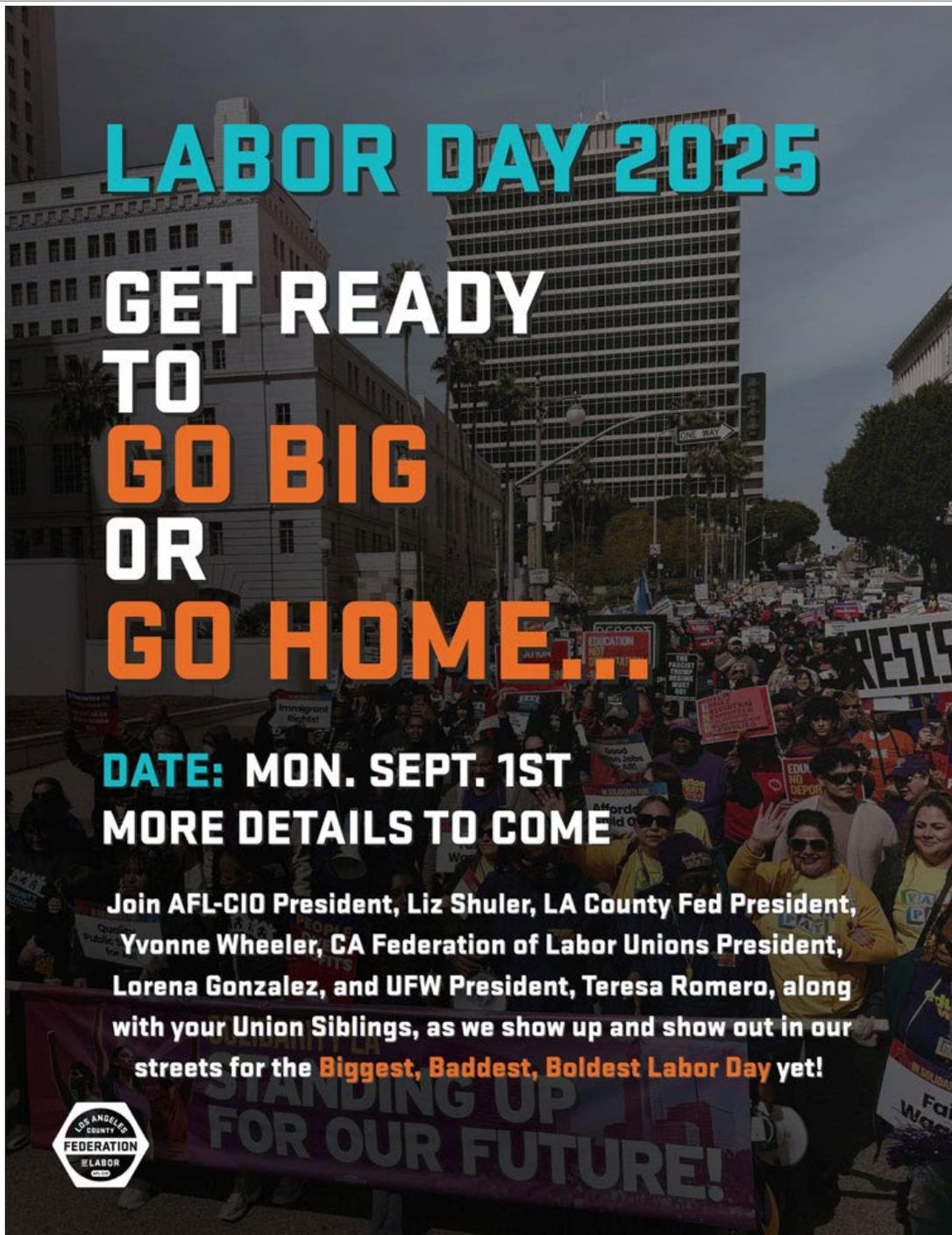
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Reeves", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Labor Day 2025

Date: Mon. Sept. 1st, 2025

MORE DETAILS TO COME.



LABOR DAY 2025

GET READY TO GO BIG OR GO HOME...

DATE: MON. SEPT. 1ST
MORE DETAILS TO COME

Join AFL-CIO President, Liz Shuler, LA County Fed President, Yvonne Wheeler, CA Federation of Labor Unions President, Lorena Gonzalez, and UFW President, Teresa Romero, along with your Union Siblings, as we show up and show out in our streets for the **Biggest, Baddest, Boldest Labor Day** yet!



STANDING UP FOR OUR FUTURE!

The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The IATSE Local 728 Bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- Backing Pro-Labor Legislators Delivers Real Results
- Enhancements to the Hardship Loan Program | Bitcoin Series
- IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Winners
- Commitment to Education
- DEO Program | Why Members Should Get their OSHA 10
- Governor in Burbank, Celebrates Tax Film Expansion

Read More [Here](#) (login for access)



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MyConnex Reporting Tool Webinar Recording and Impact Survey

The recording of the MyConnex Reporting Tool webinar is now available on the website in the video library.

iatse728.org | [video-library](#)

In order to assess the impact that MyConnex Ombuds is having on the industry, your support is appreciated by completing the following survey. The survey can also be found if you login to the Local 728 website and click the Dashboard.

[Complete a short survey](#)



Organizing Victories

You can report your show on the [IATSE Local 728 website](#). See below for some of the recent flips from non-union to union!



**CONTRACT
ACHIEVED**

- O'Hara Open AI
Commercial -6 Members
- Miley Cyrus
Music Video -4 Members
- ESPN/HULU
Commercial -5 Members
- WAKE
Feature -5 Members
- Bigger Bird
Music Video -4 Members
- YOURVIPATH
Commercial -6 Members



ORGANIZING VICTORIES

Safe + Sound Week 2025

Next week is OSHA Safe + Sound Week. Safety should always be our number one priority. Please register to review these important webinars.

[Click here to register for Day 1](#)

[Click here to register for Day 2](#)

[Click here to register for Day 3](#)



SAFE + SOUND
WEEK
2025



**Webinar
Rebroadcast
Marathon!**

The theme for **Safe + Sound Week 2025** is
Preparedness is Your Superpower!



Get prepared with an IATSE webinar rebroadcast marathon. *All times are displayed in eastern time.*



MONDAY, AUGUST 11 | HOP-ON, HOP-OFF

What's in Your First Aid Kit? | **12 - 1:30pm EDT**

Understanding Situational Awareness | **2 - 3:30pm EDT**

How to Create an Emergency Action Plan | **4 - 5:30pm EDT**

Register: <https://iatse.co/safesounddayone>

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 | HOP-ON, HOP-OFF

Mental Health Toolbox Talks (2025) | **1 - 2:30pm EDT**

Head Protection for the IATSE | **3 - 4:30pm EDT**

Register: <https://iatse.co/safesounddaytwo>

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 | HOP-ON, HOP-OFF

Cold Exposure in the Workplace | **12 - 1:30pm EDT**

Heat Exposure in the Workplace | **2 - 3:30pm EDT**

Climate Change & Disaster Response | **4 - 5:30pm EDT**

Register: <https://iatse.co/safesounddaythree>

Union-Made | Back to School Shopping Guide

School is back in session this month! A great way to support good jobs is by shopping union-made. Use the link or list below to make your back to school shopping a little easier.

[Union-Made Back to School Shopping Guide](#)



Union-Made

Back to School Shopping Guide



Folders

- Roaring Spring
- Trapper Keeper



Clothing

- Carhartt
- Oshkosh B'Gosh
- Wigwam



Drinks

- Dasani
- Gatorade
- Minute Maid
- Mott's Juice
- Tropicana
- Welch's Juice



Snacks

- Dole
- Jell-O
- Keebler
- Oreo
- Ritz Crackers



Tissues

- Kleenex
- Puffs



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



Production List now available on the Local 728 website Dashboard!

Behind The Scenes | Explore Career Options

With work at historic lows, many members are looking for additional opportunities to work while we wait for more shows to return to LA. We have specialized skills that can be transferable. Behind The Scenes has a great selection of resources under the "Career Expansion/Transition" tab. Check it out!

btshelp.org/career

Short, Mid, and Long Term Strategies to help you plan, prioritize, create manageable steps and take action:

[Next Steps: Strategies for Earning and Planning](#)

The following link has resume tips, Industry career support, finding industry jobs and more:

[Tools for Next Steps](#)

Is it time for a change?

**Tools to help you
explore career options**

btshelp.org/career

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

ASC Clubhouse Conversations | RuPaul's Drag Race

You're invited to ASC Clubhouse Conversations! RuPaul's Drag Race with Gus Dominguez (Lighting Designer), Steve Moreno (Gaffer) and Thomas Schneider (Lighting Programmer).

When: Tuesday, August 12th

Time: Cocktails: 5:30PM | Dinner: 6PM | Conversation: 7PM

Location: ASC Clubhouse

RSVP: [HERE](#)

ASC Clubhouse Conversations



with
Gus Dominguez, Lighting Designer & Steve Moreno, Gaffer

Moderated by
Shana Hagan, ASC

ASC Clubhouse
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Cocktails - 5:30 PM | Dinner - 6:00 PM | Conversation - 7:00 PM



RSVP HERE



ADG Local 800 | Blood Drive

Join the ADG Local 800 in giving back to Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the ADG Blood Drive on Friday, August 15th.

When: Friday, August 15th

Time: 10AM - 3:45PM

Location: Art Directors Guild | 11969 Ventura Blvd, 1st Floor | Studio City, CA 91604

Appointments: [Click Here](#)

Blood Donor Qualifications can be found [here](#)



1 PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE UP TO 2 OF OUR PATIENTS' LIVES.

Children's Hospital LOS ANGELES

Date: Friday, August 15, 2025
Time: 10am - 3:45pm
Hosted By: Art Directors Guild
Location: 11969 Ventura Blvd. Studio City 91604

ART DIRECTORS GUILD

To schedule an appointment, visit CHLAdonateblood.org or call us at 323-361-2441.

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

Every month, Children's Hospital Los Angeles has to collect 2,000 units of blood products to meet the needs of its patients. Please schedule an appointment for our upcoming blood drive, where each donation can help two children, and you can double your efforts by bringing a friend!

DONOR REQUIREMENTS

- At least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- Must provide valid photo ID (driver's license preferred)
- Should be well hydrated and feeling healthy

Please contact us if you are on any medications, have an existing medical condition or recently traveled outside the United States.

Techquity Showcase #3 | August 16th

Join us for a mini Cine Gear product demo! Aava Dental, REON, General Lighting Dynamics (GLD), Betty Lights and other vendors to be announced.

When: Saturday, August 16th

Time: 10AM - 2PM

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

[Techquity Showcase | IATSE Local 728](#)



The poster features a dark blue background with a white and yellow circuit-like pattern on the left and right sides. The main title 'techquity showcase' is written in a large, stylized, yellow font with a white outline and horizontal lines. Below the title, the text 'DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!' and 'AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18' is displayed in white. Three small inset photos show people at a trade show. At the bottom, there is a white IATSE Local 728 logo, the text '10AM-2PM' and 'IATSE LOCAL 728', the text 'PREMIER SPONSORS', the logos for 'Aava DENTAL' and 'REON', and a QR code.

techquity showcase

DON'T MISS THE FINAL TWO!
AUGUST 16 & OCTOBER 18

10AM-2PM
IATSE LOCAL 728

PREMIER SPONSORS

Aava DENTAL REON



IATSE West Coast Office | Blood Drive

Join IATSE West Coast Office and Osbrink Agency for a Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 19th.

When: Tuesday, August 19th

Time: 9:30AM – 3:30PM

Location: 2210 W Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91506

Appointments: RedCrossBlood.org and enter OSBRINKIATSE to schedule.



Blood Drive **IATSE West Coast Office and** **Osbrink Agency**

Held in Large Event Room
2210 W Olive Ave
Burbank, CA 91506

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: OSBRINKIATSE to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass!

Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms: rcblood.org/Test



Scan to schedule an appointment.



1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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

[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#) (Log-in for access)

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](#)

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](#)



In Memoriam

Celebration of Life | David Blundell

A Celebration of Life for David Blundell will be held on Saturday, August 23rd in Van Nuys, CA. If you would like to submit a photo of David(digitized) please send to Anthony at the email below.

When: Saturday, August 23rd

Time: 4PM - 8PM

Location: [Best Ball](#) | 6331 Woodley Avenue | Van Nuys, CA 91406

Questions/Contact: Anthony Avd@sbcglobal.net

Celebration of Life for David Blundell



Saturday, August 23rd from 4PM - 8PM

Best Ball at Woodley Lakes Golf Course
6331 Woodley Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91406