



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Techquity Showcase

techquity showcase

Saturday, February 21

🕒 12PM - 4PM

📍 IATSE Local 728
1001 West Magnolia Blvd
Burbank, CA 91506



Presented by
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VENDORS

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We want you at the 2026 Techquity Showcase event at Local 728 Saturday February 21, 12PM-4PM.

Innovation, Sustainability, and Camaraderie

Techquity brings together the latest lighting and power technology vendors to showcase their work to you, the highly skilled members of Local 728. The event provides direct access to the experts who make the equipment we use. Food, drinks, and raffles will be provided in a comfortable atmosphere meant to foster conversation, connections, and opportunities. Additional vendors are available to provide members access to Union resources.

New for 2026

Sustainable Entertainment Alliance (SEA) is our presenting sponsor. This partnership represents a first in Hollywood and for the company. The SEA, a national advocate for sustainability in production, is working with IATSE Local 728 to educate on what we can do together to save the planet.

Vendors

REON, King Kong Production Rentals, Inner Circle, Dadco, Saniset Fleet, First Entertainment Credit Union, Union Perks, Set Logic and more to be announced.

RSVP

[Here](#) or on the [Local 728 website](#)

A not-to-be-missed one of a kind event!



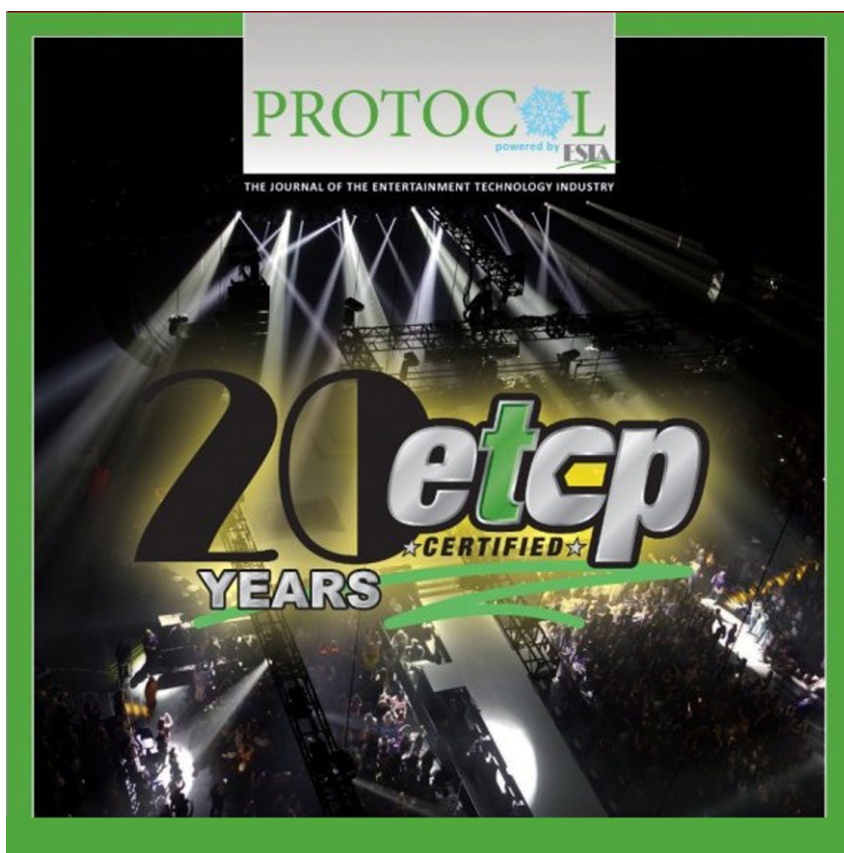
Keep California Rolling Stories-Working on an Incentive Production?



If you worked or are currently working on an incentive show, post on social media about your experience, and share authentic, behind-the-scenes moments that highlight how the tax credit helped make your project possible and why keeping film and TV in CA matters. Have a story but would prefer to share it with the EUC?

[Share your incentive stories on the "Keep California Rolling" website.](#)

Winter 2026 issue of Protocol

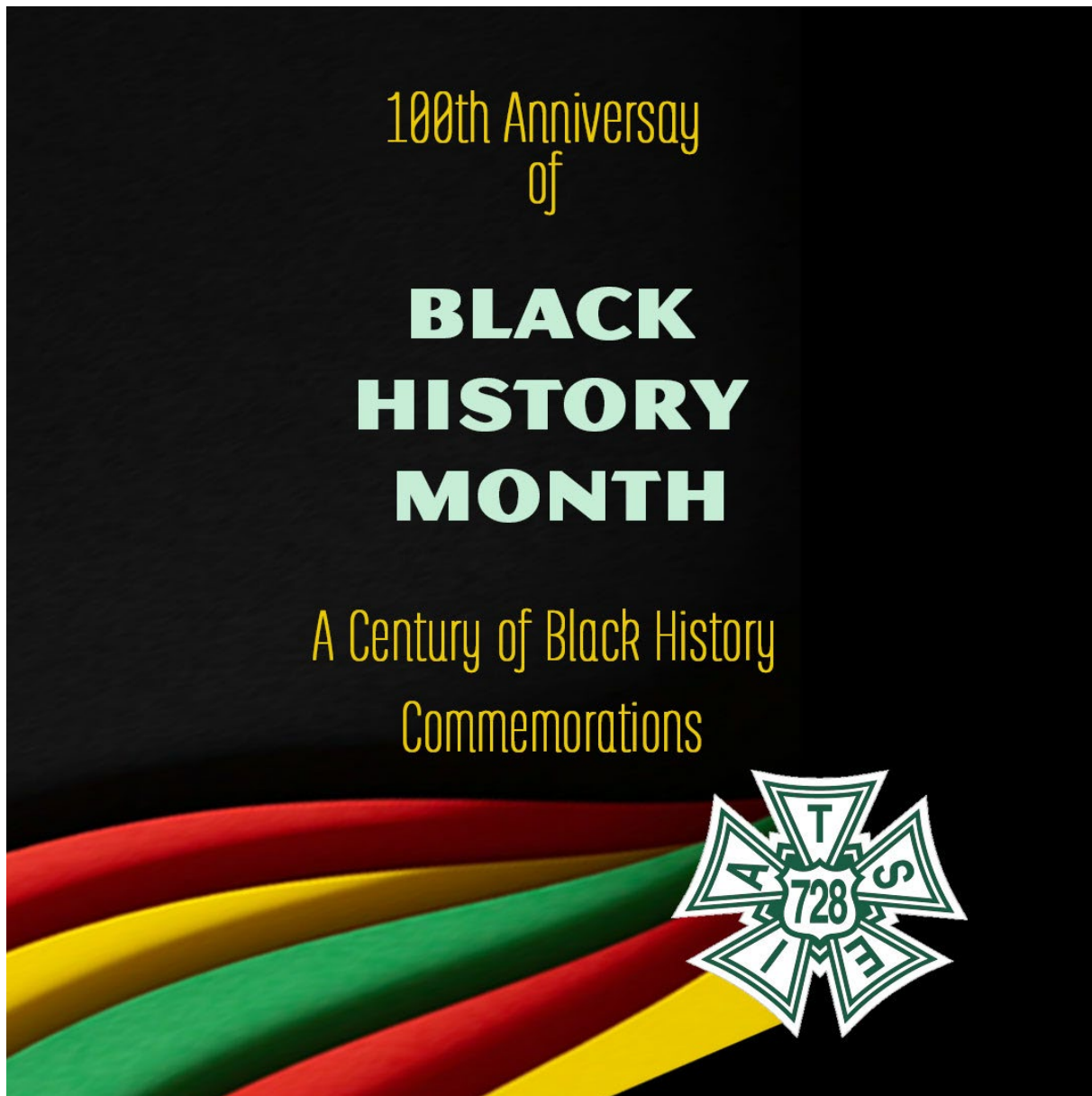


Please check out a great article on the benefits of ETCP Certification in the recent issue of ESTA's Protocol featuring Safety and Training Director Alan Rowe.

Read the article [here](#)

Read the latest issue of Protocol [here](#)

Black History Month



Local 728 honors and celebrates Black History Month.

The IATSE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee has provided the 2026 version of the IATSE 21-Day Human and Civil Rights Equity Challenge to honor Black History Month through action. This challenge is focused on Intersectionality and we encourage our members to be active participants: [2026 IATSE 21-Day Human and Civil Rights Equity Challenge](#)

Presidents Day



Wishing you a safe holiday weekend. The office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of presidents' day.

Celebrate Lunar New Year



Save the Date-Retiree Luncheon on March 18



Save the Date for the Retiree Luncheon at the Local on March 18th!

RSVP Details coming soon!

Webinar: Dealing with Substance Misuse



**BEHIND
THE
SCENES**

Dealing with Substance Use in the Workplace

A free webinar on why and how we help

**Monday, February 23rd
7pm Eastern**

Register at
btshelp.org/workplace



Behind the Scenes is hosting a free webinar on February 23 at 4PM PST designed specifically for the entertainment industry.

Learn how to identify possible substance misuse, approach conversations with compassion, offer support resources and navigate workplace considerations.

Registration required: btshelp.org/workplace

Are You on the Fence with Life in the Industry



**Entertainment
Community Fund**
Formerly The Actors Fund

Do you find yourself asking these questions:

- Is my work in the industry as fulfilling as it once was?
- Are economic challenges making me curious about other work opportunities?
- Does my current industry work support my lifestyle needs and goals?

Join your peers for an eight-week group to explore emotional, spiritual, and practical issues of continuing your career in the entertainment industry.

Please register or log in to the [Entertainment Community Fund Portal](#) to access workshops, programs and services.

When: Tuesdays, February 17- April 7

Time: 10AM PT

Calling all Local 728 Volunteers



The poster features a background of overlapping circles in shades of blue, green, and yellow. At the top left, the text "Volunteers Needed" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, in a smaller white sans-serif font, is "at Your Local and in Your Community". Further down, in a white sans-serif font, is "There are many different ways you can make a difference." In the top right corner is the Local 728 logo, a Maltese cross with the letters T, A, S, E in the quadrants and 728 in the center. The lower half of the poster is filled with various volunteer opportunities listed in white and blue text. At the bottom, there is a section with a light blue background containing a QR code and a paragraph about a volunteer database.

Volunteers Needed
at Your Local and in Your Community

There are many different ways you can make a difference.

Please consider donating your time to a Local 728 Committee, event or to a number of very worthy organizations in your community.

Local 728 Events
Trade Show Committee
Animal Shelters & Pet Programs
MPTF Events & Activities
LGBTQ+ Groups
Habitat for Humanity
Student Outreach Film Programs
Veterans Programs
Heritage Committee
be a mentor
Environmental Causes
MLK Parade
Local LA Labor Events
food bank
Scholarship Committee
Faith-based Organizations

The Local has established a volunteer database on our website, www.iatse728.org. Check out the many ways you could share your talents and lend a helping hand.



Contract Services Guidebook for Local 728 (NEW)



Contract Services created a new resource for Industry Professionals working under the Local 728 Agreement.

The [Guidebook for Local 728](#) explains how to apply for the Industry Experience Roster (IER) or the Television Commercial Roster (TCR), how to complete your mandatory training requirements (including safety, harassment prevention, and other training) and how to navigate Contract Services' various programs and resources throughout your career.

- The Guidebook for Local 728 is available as a [pdf](#).
- Additional resources for Local 728, including Safety Bulletins and Safety Hotlines, are available [here](#).

CSATF- V3 and V6 Online Courses



Visit the Industry [Hub.org](https://www.thehub.org)
to log into your Portal

V3-Shock/Arc Flash Awareness V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety

Now available in you Portal!

V3-Shock and Arc Flash Awareness- 3 hour self paced online course
Covers topics to help identify, evaluate, and avoid shock and arc flash hazards related to using a portable power distribution system.

V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety- 2 hour self paced online course
Covers rigging concepts and methods that lighting technicians use to safely lift and support lighting equipment overhead.

Visit Contract Services at <https://www.thehub.org> to take the V3 and V6 self-paced online courses. These new requirements are available in your CSATF Portal.

IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!



WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS

Union Resources



Information and tools for financial, mental health and wellness, assistance, food banks, alternative health insurance, discounts and more can be found at the following:

[Financial Assistance and Resources](#)
[Resources | Assistance](#)
[Mental Health Tools and Resources](#)

The Entertainment Community Fund-Tax Prep

Free Tax Prep Services

provided by Entertainment Community Fund's Financial Wellness Program



- Assisted self-prep
 - In-person Tax prep sites
- Drop-off service
 - Virtual Tax Prep

Learn more



Unsure of how to get started with tax prep? The Entertainment Community Fund has resources to assist you. Go to [The Entertainment Community Fund's Tax Prep for Creative Professionals](https://entertainmentcommunity.org/free-tax-preparation-services)

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IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

Local 728 now has its own personalized PAC Donation Landing Page.

[Please give today!](#)



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

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!

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