



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

IATSE Leadership in DC to Promote Federal Film/TV Incentive for American Workers



International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) International President Matthew D. Loeb traveled to Washington D.C. on February 11th to meet with legislators and administration officials about implementing a federal film and television production tax incentive to return and maintain U.S. film and television jobs. On behalf of the IATSE membership, he urged federal policymakers to level the playing field for American workers and make the U.S. film and television industry more competitive on the global stage.

[Read More](#)

Support a Federal Incentive by Becoming a Monthly Contributor to the IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

By becoming a monthly contributor, you're supporting [IATSE's federal agenda](#), including priorities that will directly impact all workers in the industry.

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

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

[Please give today!](#)



IATSE PAC

The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

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!

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

Techquity Showcase

techquity SHOWCASE

Saturday, February 21

⌚ 12PM - 4PM

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



Presented by
 Sustainable
Entertainment
Alliance

100% Cleantech



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VENDORS

KING KONG PRODUCTION
VEHICLES, INC

REON

DADCO

SANISET FLEET

SET LOGIC®

InnerCircle
DISTRIBUTION

UNION
PERKS

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ENTERTAINMENT
CREDIT UNION

We want you at the 2026 Techquity Showcase event at Local 728 this 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!



Special General Membership Meeting on March 21

SPECIAL

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



**SOLIDARITY
MEANS
POWER**

**Internal
Organizing for
Motion Pictures
& TV Production**

Presented by
International Vice President
Michael Miller

**SAVE THE
DATE**
**SATURDAY,
MARCH 21,
2026**

1:00-3:00 P.M.

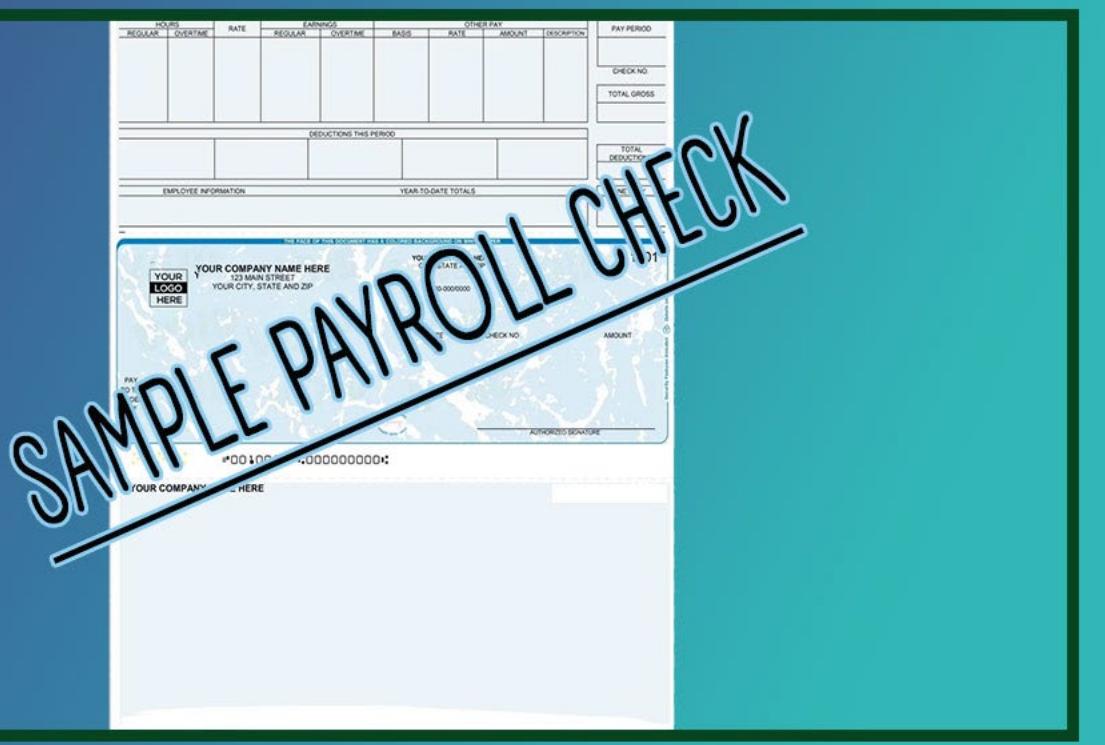
**SOLIDARITY
SECURITY
PROSPERITY**

Save the date for a Special General Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 21st from 1PM-3PM.

Important Alert Regarding EP Payroll Checks



**ENTERTAINMENT
PARTNERS**



Important notice: Entertainment Partners payroll checks will look different starting April 6.

Beginning April 6, 2026, payroll checks from Entertainment Partners will arrive in envelopes that look different than what you're accustomed. These changes are part of ongoing security enhancements designed to protect your pay from mail theft.

What's changing:

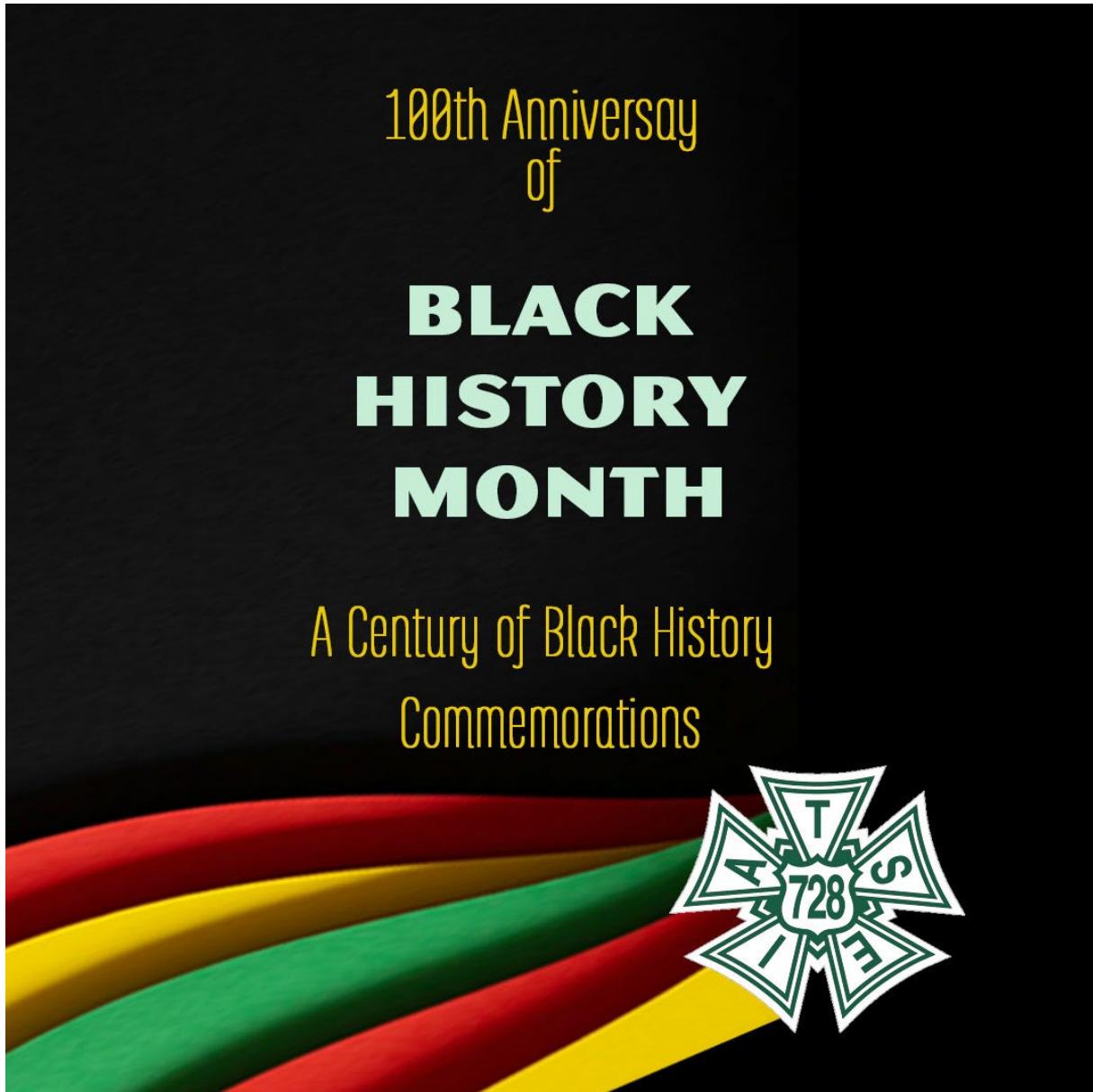
- EP payroll envelopes will no longer have a company logo or familiar return address
- The return address will be a PO Box
- The envelope window will be smaller to make it harder to see that it contains a check

Payroll timing and processing remain the same.

Because the envelope may look unfamiliar, after April 6 please be careful to ensure that you do not discard envelopes that may contain payroll checks.

If you have questions about a specific payment please visit [MyEP](#) for information.

Black History Month

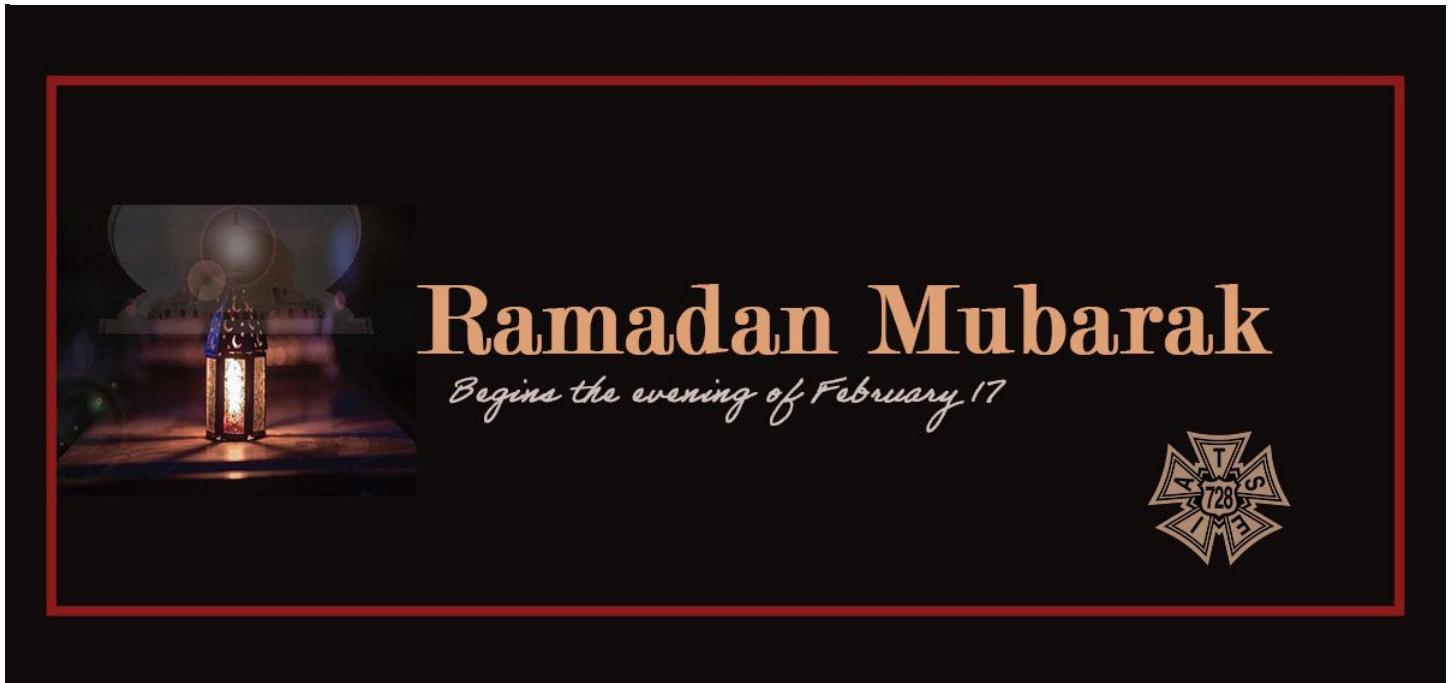


Local 728 honors and celebrates Black History month.

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. If you would like to participate, see the link below:

[2026 IATSE 21-Day Human and Civil Rights Equity Challenge](#)

Ramadan Mubarak



Welcome Ramadan 2026 on the evening of February 17th. From all of us at the Local and for those who will begin the month-long celebration at sundown, we wish you a healthy Ramadan Mubarak.

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

Guide to Personal Wellness Workshop on Feb. 24



**Entertainment
Community Fund**
Formerly The Actors Fund

Gain tools to help you incorporate personal care into your daily life, especially in times of hardship.

In this 75-minute workshop, we will discuss how stress manifests in the body, how we can work to slow the body down and how we can create wellness goals that feel manageable and achievable.

When: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 11AM PT

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

Are You on the Fence with Life in the Industry

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

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 your 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

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Rosie the Riveter Mixer

Motion Picture Costumers Local 705

2nd Annual **ROSIE THE RIVETER MIXER**

IATSE MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!

Local 705's Political Action Team invites you to our annual Rosie Mixer! Wear your best Rosie-inspired looks, enjoy themed food, drinks, activities, and interlocal solidarity.

This year also marks the 115th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. Join us to remember and honor the victims as we recommit to the fight for workers' rights!


Join us to mark the anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire.

WEAR YOUR BEST ROSIE-INSPIRED LOOK!

WHEN & WHERE	DONATE RATIONS & LIBATIONS	COMMUNITY
<p>Saturday, March 21, 2026 5pm-8pm</p> <p>MPC 705 Member Hall 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd Valley Village, CA 91607</p>	<p>Email MPCT05PAT@gmail.com to donate food, drinks etc. for the mixer. All Efforts are appreciated!</p>	<p>The PAT will also be accepting non-perishable donations at the mixer to bring to Hollywood Food Coalition as a community-supporting effort.</p> <p></p>


RSVP: bit.ly/2NDRR2026



When: Saturday, March 21

Time: 5PM-8PM

Location: MPC 705 Member Hall, 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

RSVP: bit.ly/2NDRR2026

To donate food, drinks, etc. for the mixer, email: mpc705pat@gmail.com

MPC 705, A Spring Vintage Bazaar

*Shop vintage & hand-made pieces from the
EXCLUSIVE collections of Hollywood's elite film
and television Costumers!*



A SPRING
VINTAGE
Bazaar
VINTAGE & HANDMADE

MARCH 29, 2026
9AM - 5PM

5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd
Valley Village, CA 91607



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SHOP

When: Sunday, March 29

Time: 9AM-5PM

Location: MPC 705 Member Hall, 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

Open to the public to shop

Union Resources

MPTF | IATSE
Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions

IATSE Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response

UNIONPLUS
Union Plus Health Discounts

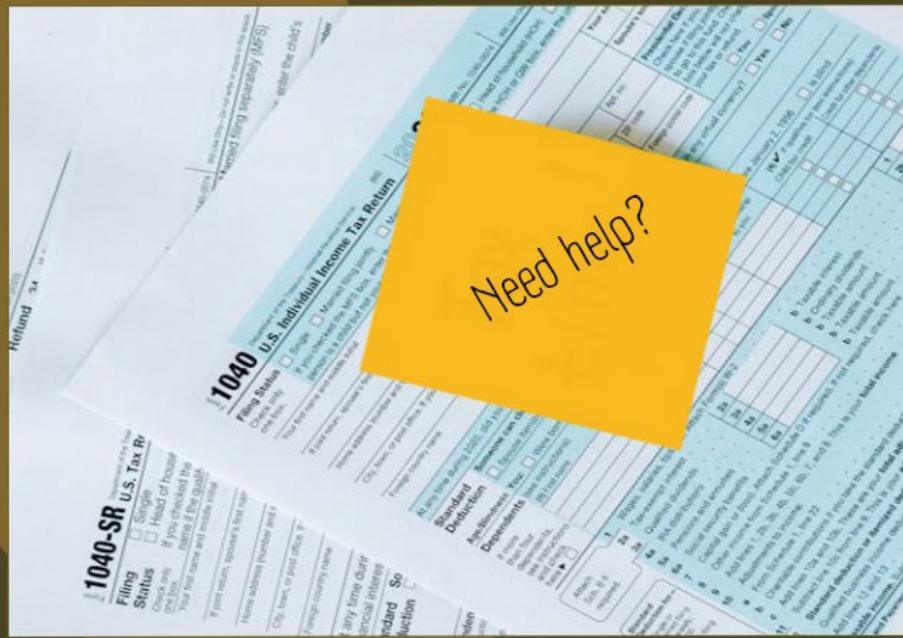
Information and tools for financial, mental health and wellness, assistance, food banks, alternative health insurance, discounts and more can be found at the following:

[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>

In Memoriam

Celebration of Life for Charles Sears on March 7



In Memoriam

Charles Sears



A member since July 30, 2005

Passed away on January 22, 2026

At the age of 55



A Celebration of Life for Charlie will be held on Saturday, March 7 at the Navy Golf Course in Cypress, CA.

Please RSVP [here](#).

[Notice of member passing: Charles Sears on 1-22-26 | IATSE Local 728](#)