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In The Spotlight this week!

Remembering Brent Hershman-Rides & Rooms

While we successfully bargaining in weekend rest as well as increases to turnaround into the Basic Agreement in 2021, it's important to remember that unsafe hours on set can still happen. March 6 marked the anniversary of Brent Hershman's death, having fallen asleep driving home after working too many hours. IATSE Local 728 joins Local 600 in encouraging our members to take the ride and take the room when offered by the employer.

Please check out this poignant video, [“The Human Face on Unsafe Hours,”](#) and a link to the ICG Safety App. “Take the Room” bags are now available for free at the Local to those who have not received one in the past, while supplies last, for all active members.


<https://www.icg600.com/safety/safety-app>

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative – Secretary
Lighting Technicians, IATSE Local 728

Production List



April Production List
now available
on the Local 728 website
Dashboard! (log-in required)

The updated production list is now available on the website. You must log-in to the website and click on [Dashboard](#) to view.

Local 600's Member Friday

MEMBER FRIDAY

APRIL 10

HOSTED BY THE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



LOS ANGELES
12-4PM (PT)

NEW YORK
11AM-5PM (ET)

ATLANTA
12-4PM (ET)

CHICAGO
12-4PM (CT)

Earth Day is around the corner, and our Kin at Local 600 have invited us to their member event this Friday. Hope to see you there!

Inter Local Event-May Day Prep



IATSE INTER-LOCAL

MAY DAY



**PAPER
MÂCHÉ
PUPPETS
SIGN
PAINTING
& MORE!**

**19
APRIL
11AM - 4PM**

**PREP
PARTY**

**@ IATSE LOCAL 80
ALL IATSE KIN &
ALLIES WELCOME**

RSVP



Join the Inter-Local May Day Prep Party on April 19 from 11AM-4PM at Local 80. There will be a sign making station where you can make your own signs for the rally.

"We must build solidarity before we take to the streets and practice solidarity!"

Visit [Inter-Local May Day Prep Party](#)

Save the Date – International Workers’ Day
The May Day March Rally

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INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY
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DAY
10:00 AM

MCARTHUR PARK (PARKVIEW & WILSHIRE)

WERE READY • WORKERS ARE RISING • WE ARE RE



Save the Date for the International Workers’ Day, May Day Rally.

On Friday, May 1st, 2026, at 10:00 AM, the LA County Federation of Labor will be hosting a massive mobilization centered on the starting point of MacArthur Park, Parkview & Wilshire, in LA. Please wear your union swag.

Additional details forthcoming.

Local 871 Table Read, Ecology of Fear



Table Read

Local 871 Community Book Club

Reading: *Ecology of Fear*

April 23 | 7:00PM



**We'll be focusing on two essays in this book for our monthly discussion:
How Eden Lost its Garden &
The Literary Destruction of Los Angeles**

Local 871 Community Book Club invites you to join their April 23rd meeting at 7PM. For more information and to RSVP, use the QR Code above or visit [Table Read: Ecology of Fear](#).

Behind the Scenes Upcoming Classes



Mental Health Initiative
btshelp.org/mentalhealth

Behind the Scenes Spring & Summer Mental Health Trainings

The Behind the Scenes Mental Health Initiative is offering virtual training, giving industry professionals opportunities to build skills to support safer and healthier workplaces.

Webinar

Dealing with Alcohol and Substance Use Issues in the Workplace: Why and How we Help

Substance misuse continues to impact entertainment industry workers daily. Join us for this free, 60-minute webinar on Monday, April 27 at 4pm PT.

This interactive webinar developed by industry professionals will provide practical tools to recognize the signs, help navigate sensitive conversations and how to respond when someone is not ready to seek help.

Advance registration is required to receive login details. Register at btshelp.org/workplace



Webinar

Bystander Intervention in the Entertainment Workplace

Upcoming dates are April 24 and July 13.

This 90-minute training gives you five simple, effective tools to safely intervene and make a difference. Through industry scenarios, you'll learn how to take action and how to respond when you see bullying or harassment at work.

Advance registration is required to receive login details. Register at btshelp.org/bystander



Behind the Scenes is partnering with Right To Be, a social justice organization that specializes in education around bullying and harassment, to present these free interactive webinars. These webinars are sponsored by the IATSE International and are open to all entertainment industry workers.

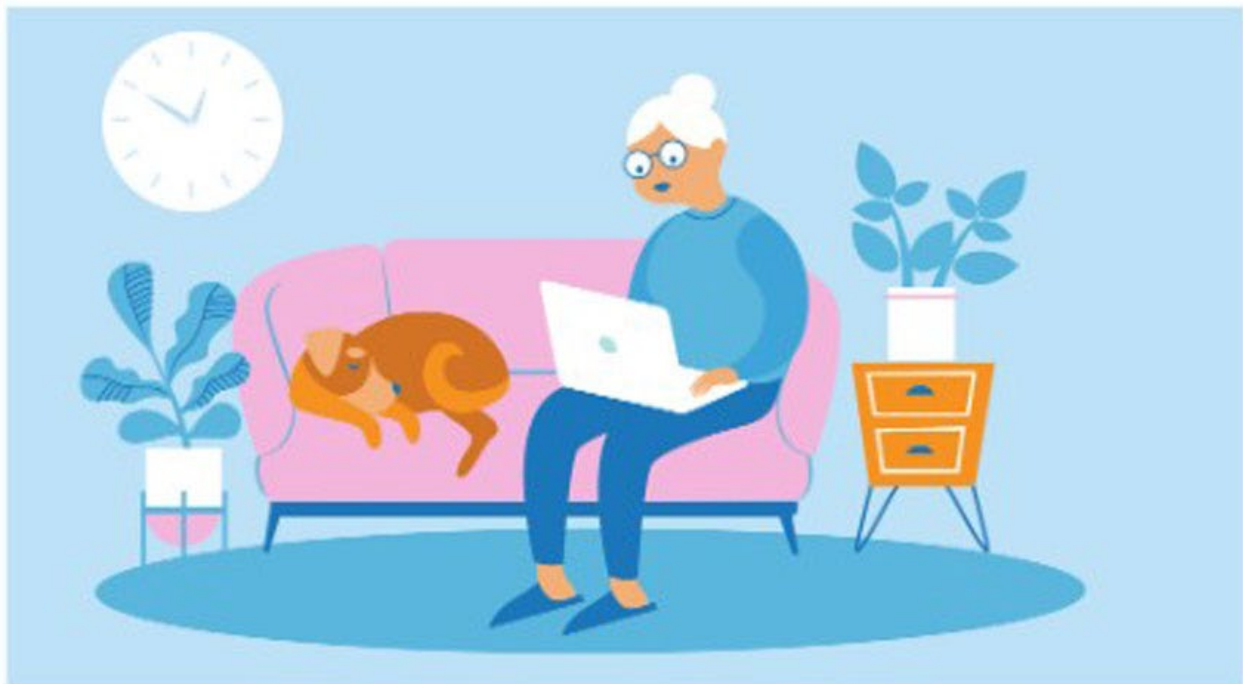
BTS remains committed to reducing stigma and strengthening a culture of care across the entertainment community and we can't do it without you! Visit btshelp.org/mentalhealth to see available tools and resources in our Mental Health Initiative.

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Advance Health Care Directive Zoom Workshop



Join us for our annual
Advance Health Care Community Virtual Workshop



Learn about Advance Directives from the comfort of your own home.

Join MPTF's Palliative Care team for the annual Advance Health Care Directive Zoom Workshop.

When: Wednesday, April 15

RSVP: anne.front@mptf.com or call 818-876-1524

On Strike – Picket Line “Knuckle”



ON STRIKE

Please be advised that the crew of "Knuckle" in Gaffney, South Carolina, Bonfire Knuckle LLC is now **ON STRIKE**.

The producers are actively looking for replacement crew, all IATSE members are advised not to cross the picket line.

Entertainment Community Fund Services



**Entertainment
Community Fund**

Formerly The Actors Fund

Like MPTF, the Entertainment Community Fund is an organization designed to meet the needs of the entertainment community with an understanding of the challenges industry members face.

If you were unable to attend the March General Membership Meeting with guest speaker Keith McNutt, CEO Entertainment Community Fund, you can view the handouts that were provided [here](#) (log-in for access).

The Support Crew: Community for IATSE Members

Tuesdays, April 21–May 26

1 pm ET/12 pm CT/10 am PT

The ECU is hosting a six-week virtual support group (free) for IATSE members impacted by ongoing industry uncertainty. The group offers a confidential and supportive space.

Space is limited.

Contact Olivia DeSanto, LMSW to learn more:
odesanto@entertainmentcommunity.org

OSHA 30 Outreach Class - April 11 & 12, May 16 & 17

OSHA



30 Hour General Industry Training Class
with a focus on working in the
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 11 & 12 9:00AM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 16 & 17 9:00AM - 5:30PM

IATSE Local 728, 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd Burbank, CA 91506

PRESENTED BY KENT JORGENSEN & ALAN M. ROWE

Signups now open at: <https://training728.org/osha30>

Comprehensive OSHA training tailored to film and television leaders who want to strengthen compliance, prevent hazards, and keep their crews safe.

The OSHA 30 is the advanced level of OSHA Outreach Training, created for department heads, supervisors, safety coordinators, and other leaders seeking to deepen their knowledge of compliance and workplace safety. With a focus on the motion picture and television industry, this course equips participants with the tools to recognize hazards, apply prevention strategies, and foster a culture of safety across sets, shops, and on-location shoots. Using industry-specific examples, it provides a strong foundation in OSHA regulations while addressing the unique challenges of film and television production.

This is a FOUR DAY class and will require your commitment to complete the course to receive your OSHA 30 Card. This course will not be offered regularly so opportunities to make up missed days will be rare.

This class is intended for people working as crew chiefs or department heads. This training is required by many employers who will be doing events around the upcoming events in Los Angeles such as the World Cup and Olympics.

<https://training728.org/osha30>



2nd Quarter Dues

Second Quarter 2026

Dues can be paid by check, ach, debit/credit card or on the website (cc only).



Website payments can be made if you log in to your account at www.iatse728.org

Quarterly Due Dates: January 1, April 1, July 1st, October 1



ACH Payment Reminder

If you are enrolled in AUTO ACH, your payment will be deducted on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!



WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS

Federal Film Incentive Program

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.

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

Upcoming Events

Techquity Showcase

techquity showcase

Saturday, April 18

🕒 12PM - 4PM

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



Presented by
 Sustainable
Entertainment
Alliance

100% Cleantech



Scan for details

Do you have a cool product you want to show off to the membership?

Are you interested in bringing clean energy and efficiency solutions to the industry?

You don't have to go to NAB! Bring it to the hall for Techquity!

We are making space available for you Saturday, April 18 all brought to you by our sponsor the Sustainable Entertainment Alliance.

This invitation is being extended across the 13 West Coast Studio Locals so you'll get a chance to meet other Brothers, Sisters and Kin from other crafts.

♥ 🌍 NEW FOR EARTH DAY! 🌍 ♥

All booths will be outdoors under pop-ups, allowing for industry seminars and trainings in the Hall. If you have a cool seminar idea, shoot us an email!

It's a mini Cinegear at YOUR Hall!

Reach out! Check it out! See you at the next one!

RSVP and details: [Techquity Showcase](#)

IATSE Blood Drive

Visit: www.redcrossblood.org
Enter Sponsor Code: IATSE871
redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



★ I A T S E ★

BLOOD DRIVE



MAY 3 | 9AM - 2PM



COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD

3919 W. Magnolia Blvd.

Burbank, CA 91505

DONORS RECEIVE A \$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD!

For more information or if you
have trouble scheduling online,
contact: Office@ialocal871.org
Picture ID Required to Donate

Sponsored by:
All IATSE kin
and allies
are welcome!



IATSE Locals 871 and 892 are proud to host a blood drive on Sunday, May 3.

When: Sunday, May 3

Location: Costume Designers Guild

Sponsor Code: IATSE 871

Contact: office@ialocal871.org

Appointments: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>



Save the Date
Cine Gear Expo LA
June 5-6, 2026

Union Resources

The image displays three circular resource cards on a dark blue background. The first card on the left features the MPTF 100 logo and the text 'Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions', showing a man and a woman in an office setting. The middle card is titled 'IATSE Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response' and includes the IATSE logo and a photo of a yellow 'DISASTER RESPONSE' vest. The third card on the right is titled 'Union Plus Health Discounts' and shows a grid of health-related services like Dental, Hearing, and Medical Bill Negotiating Service.

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

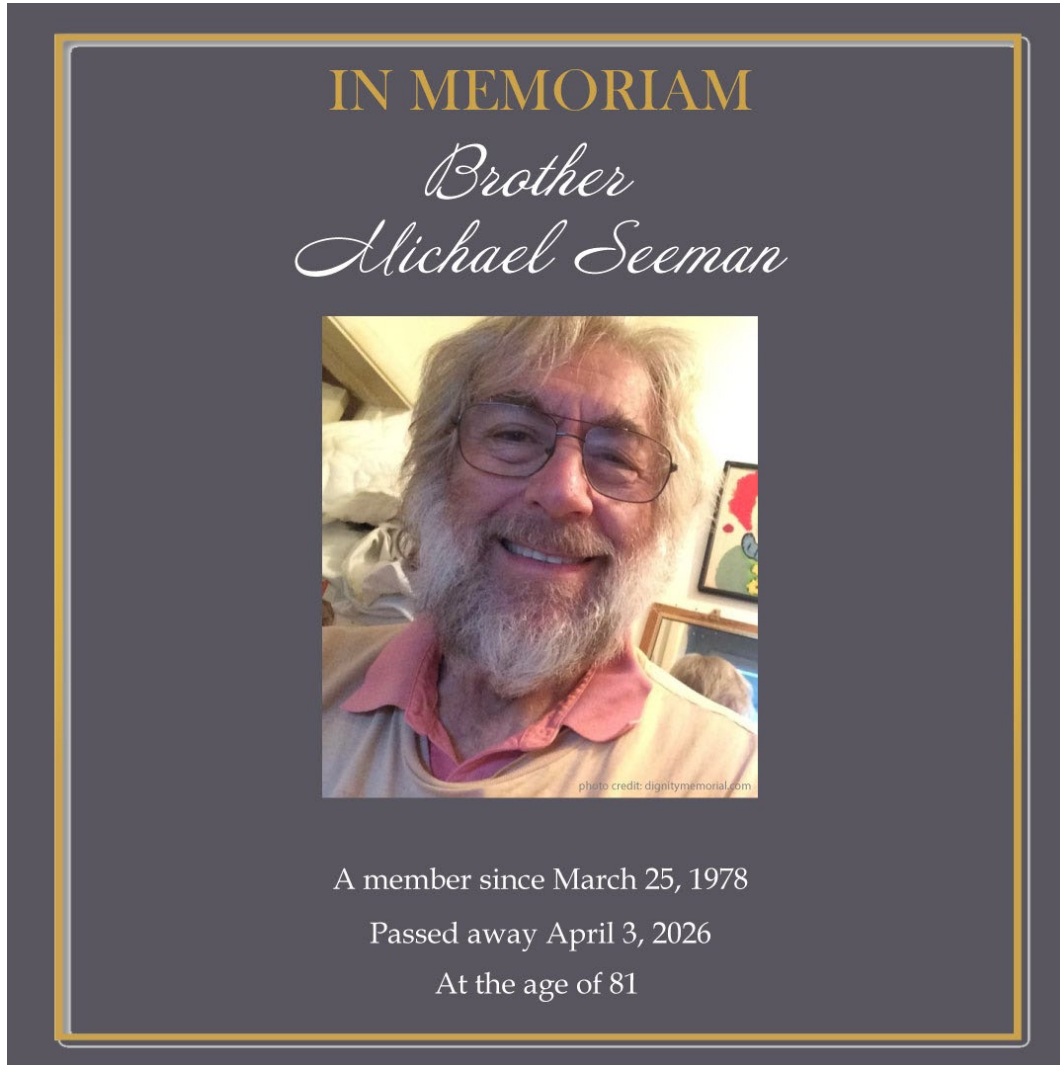
[Financial Assistance and Resources](#)

[Resources | Assistance](#)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources](#)

In Memoriam

Michael Seeman



A 52- year member of Local 728, Brother Seeman passed away on April 3, 2026. A Committal Service will be held on April 13, 2026, at 11AM in Los Angeles.

For service details please click on the following link:

[Notice of member passing: Michael Seeman](#)