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In The Spotlight this week!

2024 – 2027 IATSE Basic Agreement

I'm sharing this information again because we're getting calls from members working as Systems/Data/DMX/Fixtures Technicians who are having challenges getting the rate, or if they do get it, it's not on their deal memos and not on the Call Sheet. Please use this to educate the producers on being contract compliant or reach out to me for assistance.

The NEW and complete 2024 IATSE Basic Agreement is now available online [here](#) (contracts, agreements & wages). In it are the Local improvements we bargained for including:

1. Chief Rigging Technician rate parity to CLT for all MPTV productions
2. Assistant Chief Rigging Technician
3. Lighting Control Technician
4. Lighting Fixtures Foreperson 2024 IATSE Basic Agreement
5. Rigging Programmer
6. Specialized Tool Rental
7. ETCP Stipend

The pages in the contract where you can find that language highlighted are viewable [here](#) (log-in for access).

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

DGA Negotiations Update



The DGA reached a new four-year tentative agreement this week after four plus weeks of bargaining. Pending ratification, the DGA will join the WGA and SAG-AFTRA in getting a deal done. ‘Labor stability’ kept both sides at the table.

The ‘pattern bargaining’ landscape has now come into sharp focus. Every guild bargained four-year agreements to gain in other areas of importance such as additional benefit money, and addressing AI concerns.

We will bargain on the same issues in the Hollywood Basic Agreement next spring. My hope is that production will pick up, and that our members will derive the benefits of work and at the bargaining table.

President Weeks named the Local 728 Negotiations Committee back in March, and we will watch closely for details of the deal after the DGA ratification process concludes. As always, our Local will fight for the best contracts we can achieve for you and your welfare.

IATSE Pride



The website, <https://pride.iatse.net>, is the central hub for IATSE Pride Committee news, resources, and upcoming events across IATSE. You can also sign up for the newsletter while there: <https://pride.iatse.net/sign-up/>

And you can follow on social media here:

<https://www.instagram.com/iatsepride/>

<https://www.facebook.com/IATSEpride/>

IATSE Local B-192, Unite Here Local 11 March & Rally

UNITE
HERE!  IATSE

**FAST
PROFITS**

**FURIOUS
WORKERS**



WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH at 5:00PM

**Digital
RSVP** 

WHERE: UNIVERSAL CITYWALK,
LOS ANGELES
ASSEMBLE BY BUCA DI BEPPO



This **Saturday, June 13th**, members of IATSE Local B-192 and Unite HERE Local 11 — together representing more than 6,000 employees at Universal Studios Hollywood theme park & CityWalk — will join for a rally and march starting at 5:00 pm, and B-192 hopes you can attend to increase strength and solidarity!

Here are the details:

LOCATION: Universal Studios Hollywood CityWalk, starting near Buca di Beppo (located near the valet turnaround area)

DATE: Saturday, June 13th

TIME: 5:00 pm

PURPOSE: Universal theme parks rake in billions in revenue for Comcast, yet many of their members do not make a living wage, cannot afford to live where they work, and/or struggle with basic expenses. Despite this, Universal is offering wage increases of 2.25% as they prepare to open the new Fast & Furious attraction that will increase their already high profits. They demand and deserve their fair share and are fighting for it!

MATERIALS: We will have picket signs and banners for everyone although people can bring some in support, too.

RSVP not required!

RSVP: [Universal Action - Count me in on June 13th!](#)

MPTF – Medicare 101 Webinar

Union Plus – Hometown Heroes Contest

UNIONPLUS | UNIONS POWER AMERICA
40TH ANNIVERSARY

UNION MEMBERS ARE

TOMMY K. IAFF
2025 GRAND PRIZE WINNER
& FOUNDATION CO-FOUNDER

MELISSA B. AFT
2025 FIRST PRIZE WINNER
& CHILD ADVOCATE

**HOMETOWN
HEROES**

SHARE THEIR STORY

NOMINATE ONE AND THEY COULD
WIN \$40K

Through June 17, union members can nominate themselves or others to win by sharing more about how that union member goes the extra mile on the job, at home or in the community. There are \$150,000 in contest prizes.

[Enter the Hometown Heroes Contest | Union Plus](#)

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month



June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Receiving a diagnosis of cognitive impairment is frightening and overwhelming. You are not alone, whether this is your diagnosis or whether you will be caring for a parent with this issue. MPTF offers various programs and services for industry members and parents who are impacted by memory loss. Our award-winning Palliative Care program provides support around quality of life and symptom management issues. Our community-based Elder Connection program provides case management, information, referrals and support to industry retirees and their parents regardless of geographic location. Early intervention is key in navigating a dementia diagnosis. Please reach out to MPTF services at (323) 634-3866. We are here when you need us most.

Production List

Now available
on the Local 728 website
Dashboard! (log-in required)

Production List

Access to the June production list is available on the website. You must log-in to the Local 728 website and click on [Dashboard](#) to view.

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](#)

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](#)

In Memoriam

Drain M. Marshall

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Drain M. Marshall



A member since May 12, 1958

Passed away on June 6, 2026

At the age of 94

A 68-year member of Local 728, Drain passed away on June 6, 2026 at the age of 94. Drain received his 65-year service pin in 2023.

[Notice of member passing: Drain Marshall](#)