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Formed by and for Los Angeles musicians over a century ago, Local 47 promotes and protects the concerns of musicians in all areas of the music business. Our jurisdiction includes all counties of Los Angeles (except the Long Beach area). With more than 7,000 members, Local 47 negotiates with employers to establish fair wages and working conditions for our members. Local 47 officers and staff enforce union contracts, assuring professional standards and treatment for our musicians.

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
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President John Acosta

I hope this message finds you well and good spirits. Many members have contacted the Local regarding recent communications from the AFM pension office. I, like many of you, am extremely concerned about the condition of our pension fund, and its long-term viability. In response to your concerns we have been able to set a meeting with AFM pension trustees and administrative staff to address your concerns and questions. That meeting will take place [here at Local 47 on March 6, at 7:30 p.m.](#) Please try and make this very important meeting.

Last month we spent a great deal of time preparing for, engaging in, and caucusing during negotiations with several regional orchestra employers. Overall, after several meetings with the management of the Pasadena Symphony Association, we seem to be making incremental progress in reaching agreement. At the same time, we have been working toward concluding negotiations with the San Bernardino Symphony, Riverside Philharmonic and Musica Angelica, all with their own twists and turns. I want to thank all of you who serve on our committees. Your dedication and effort in guiding our negotiations is critical to our success.

Member Organizing

We continue to invest in organizing internally and externally, with member to member engagement around issues in the workplace, and relating to broader issues. Working with labor and community allies is important to advance those initiatives that strengthen our union and improve our community. In healthcare, we are working with the California Nurses Association to advance a statewide initiative that expands Medi-Cal providing healthcare for all Californians through a single-payer model. Our work in passing legislation that creates a tax credit for music scoring also progresses, as another bill has been introduced in the CA legislature that carves out a small percentage of the current film & TV tax incentive to stimulate employment for our members.

OSCARS 2017 & Building Update

We owe a big thanks to our VP Rick Baptist for his efforts in ensuring that the 2017 Oscar orchestra remained in the pit at the Dolby for another year (and not remotely piped in from Capitol Studios) and finally getting musicians names credited on the end crawl. For many years, musicians were left off the credits, while everyone else on the production was included. As we head into Live TV negs I believe credits will be a topic of discussion for all award shows, and not just the Oscars. On the relocation front, we are just beginning construction at our new site. An acoustician has been engaged who is working with our VP's office and our architect and we expect to have a more in-depth report for you all in the next edition of Overture.

In Unity,

John Acosta



Vice President Rick Baptist

VERY IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ

Now that I have your undivided attention, I am asking — no, I am pleading — that every one of you update your Beneficiary Information Card. Update not only to our union, but all of your accounts: banks, insurance, pension, all the special payments that we receive (FMSMF, SAG-AFTRA Distribution Fund). On all the residuals checks that you get in the mail (or as we call it, mailbox money), look on the checks and call the companies that sent you the monies and get it changed to the beneficiary that you want.

Rimona Seay, executive secretary to the Secretary/Treasurer Gary Lasley, is the person who handles your information after you or your loved one passes on. Rimona is the one you contact for help with beneficiary matters to and can answer any and all of your questions. We have heard some very sad stories of how a musician has not updated their info, and all the benefits like pension and residuals go to an ex-wife of 30 years and the family now received nothing without going through a long and costly court battle. It has happened more than once. Please call Rimona at 323-993-3159, email benefits@promusic47.org, or come in and update you beneficiary information.

Now for something completely different. I am very thrilled to inform everyone that after 64 years of the Academy Awards televised show, our musicians are listed on the end credits of the broadcast. This has been a very personal crusade for me. I performed on the show for 30 years and along with fellow musicians before me, we were anonymous to the world. The Academy Awards airs to 1 billion people live; that is 1 billion people watching and listening to the amazing live orchestra, with no one knowing who was playing the music flawlessly to the world.

I personally want to thank Rob Paine, the supervising producer of the telecast, for his help and understanding of how important it is for the musicians to be given credit (even if it is real small print). When I approach him about the credit idea, he said to me, “Rick, there are a lot of names on the crawl that should not be there. The musicians NEED and deserve to be there.” After telling me that, he got on the phone to the Academy and insisted that all 42 musicians’ names appear — and they did!!! I consider this a precedent setting gesture, and when I go to New York in April to start round two of the TV/Videotape negotiations, Ray Hair and all of us involved will do everything we can to get it in the new contract. This is an oversight that needs to end now.

BTW, congrats to Gene Cipriano (Cip) on performing on his 56th year on the Academy Awards show. Yo Cip!

Finally, I would like to thank President Jack Gaughan and Secretary/Treasurer Keith Nelson of Local 369 Las Vegas and President John Shipley of Local 368 Reno for honoring me by naming me their first inductee into the Nevada Musicians Hall of Fame. They presented me with the plaque at the Western Conference of Locals in Costa Mesa. I am thrilled and humbled by this amazing honor and I will cherish it always.

Live, Laugh and Love

Rick Baptist



Secretary/Treasurer Gary Lasley

March is Women's History Month. And History was made the day after the Presidential Inauguration when hundreds of thousands of women (and men) in Washington, D.C. and across the nation and around the world marched in favor of women's rights, economic equality, universal healthcare, voting rights, and humane and legal immigration policy. Here in Los Angeles 750,000 concerned citizens choked the streets between Pershing Square and City Hall and beyond to Union Station in an amazing show of solidarity. For me it was an amazing experience to be caught up in the middle of such a massive gathering of like minded individuals in defense of our very way of life.

An inspiration to many of us who were there is Mary Harris, an immigrant, who was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1837 and died in Silver Spur, Maryland in 1930. As a young woman she migrated to the United States and became a teacher and dress maker. In 1861 she moved to Memphis and married George E. Jones, an organizer for the United Iron Workers. She soon became known as "Mother Jones," one of the most prominent labor leaders and community organizers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 1898 she founded the Social Democratic Party. From the floor of the United States Congress she was called the "most dangerous woman in America," and "the grandmother of all agitators"! We could sure use her now... [You can read more about Mother Jones here.](#)



I'd like to say "Happy 120th Birthday" to Local 47! In October of 1896 members of the National League of Musicians Met with the famous labor leader Samuel Gompers to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, and the American Federation of Musicians was born! On March 15, 1897 the AFM approved the charter of Local 47. That original charter is on display in the financial office. [Check it out!](#)



I'm writing to you from the 79th Annual Western Conference of Locals, hosted by Local 47 at the Hilton Orange County. This year President Acosta, Vice President Baptist, and I joined AFM Officers and 38 delegates from 25 Locals from across the Western United States and Canada. Trustees from the AFM-EPF pension plan presented an eye-opening 2½ hour PowerPoint program about the state of our retirement. The same program will be presented at Local 47 on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. It's information that affects us all so I highly recommend you attend, if you can ([RSVP here](#)). There were presentations from former State Senator Joe Dunn and labor organizer Mark McDermott regarding the challenges facing Organized Labor in the post 11-8 world. We also heard from President Ray Hair and other AFM and Player Conference officers. In this time of uncertainty when our rights are under assault, it is crucial that we organize, reach out to young musicians, and identify future activists and officers.

It's "Multiple-Card Rebate" time again! Each year every Local pays to the AFM \$66 for each member in good standing. This is referred to as per capita. If you belong to several AFM Locals, you have been paying duplicate per capitas to the AFM and are eligible for a refund of your per capita for each Local to which you belong in excess of two. So if you belong to three Locals you can receive a refund of \$66, four Locals \$132, etc. Just [fill out the coupon here](#) and call Benefits coordinator Rimona Seay at 323-993-3159 and she will be happy to provide you with a letter confirming your membership in good standing in Local 47 in 2016.

If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to pay your annual membership dues for 2017. They are \$210 for the entire year, or \$110 for six months, \$110 for Life Membership or \$90 for Inactive Life. You can come in and pay in person. We'd love to see you! Or you can pay with a card number over the phone, or online at [afm47.org](#) with your Web ID and password. Please make your payment by March 31 in order to avoid being suspended.

Until next time, thanks for listening. May the "luck o' the Irish" be with you! And I'd like to honor and thank all of the amazingly talented and creative women musicians who populate the concert stages, studios, pits, and clubs of Local 47.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary".

Gary Lasley



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Drawing more than 3 million people worldwide, the Women's March held in January helped to reignite the necessary conversation about women's issues and rights. Still today, gender bias continues to create huge barriers for many women. Ongoing struggles include ensuring equal economic opportunities, educational equity, and an end to gender-based violence.



Photo: Linda A. Rapka

More than 750,000 Angelenos turned out for the historic Women's March in Los Angeles on Jan. 21, 2017.

A look back at history shows that women have made great strides in the fight for equality, including women's suffrage and inroads in equal opportunity in the workplace and education. The 2017 theme for National Women's History Month honors women who have successfully challenged the role of women in both business and the paid labor force. Women have always worked, but often their work has been undervalued and unpaid.

The 2017 Honorees represent many diverse backgrounds and each made her mark in a different field. Additionally, the Honorees' work and influence spans three centuries of America's history. These women all successfully challenged the social and legal structures that have kept women's labor underappreciated and underpaid.

Facing stark inequalities in the workplace (lower wages, poor working conditions, and limited opportunities), they fought to make the workplace a less hostile environment for women. They succeeded in expanding women's participation in commerce and their power in the paid labor force. As labor and business leaders and innovators they defied the social mores of their times by demonstrating women's ability to create organizations and establish their own businesses that paved the way for better working conditions and wages for themselves and other women.

They proved that women could succeed in every field. While each Honoree is extraordinary, each is also ordinary in her own way, proving that women business and labor leaders can and should be considered the norm. Most importantly, the 2017 Honorees paved the way for generations of women labor and business leaders to follow.

2017 National Women's History Month Honorees:



Alexis Herman
(1947)
Former Secretary of Labor



Lilly Ledbetter
(1938)
Equal Pay Activist



Kate Mullany
(1845 – 1906)
Organized First All-Female Labor Union



Lucy Gonzalez Parsons
(c. 1853- 1942)
Labor Organizer and Socialist Leader



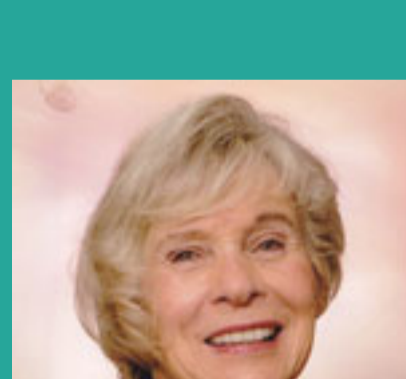
Barbara "Dusty" Roads
(1928)
Flight Attendant's Union Leader



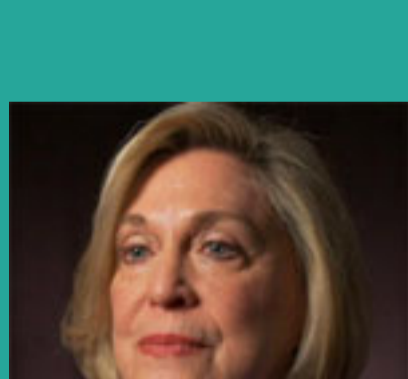
Yvonne Walker
(1959)
President, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1000



Addie L. Wyatt
(1924 – 2012)
Labor Union Leader and Civil Rights Activist



Rebecca Anderson
(1940)
Community and Economic Development Organizer



Barbara Hackman Franklin
(1940)
Former Secretary of Commerce



Andra Rush
(1960)
Founder/ CEO, Rush Group



Nina Vaca
(1971)
CEO and Chairman of Pinnacle Group



Maggie Lena Walker
(1864 – 1934)
Businesswoman and Community Banking Leader



Norma Yaeger
(1930)
First woman stockbroker to be permitted on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange

Learn more about these trailblazing women at the [National Women's History Project](#).



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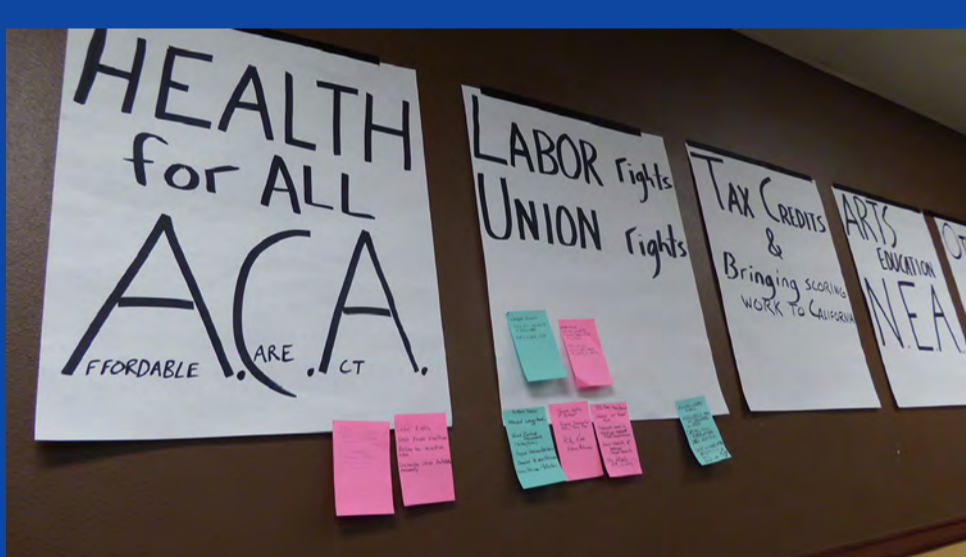
Musician Activists Welcome Congresswoman Judy Chu at Political Town Hall

At our Presidents Day Town Hall last Monday evening, we had an excellent panel including Congresswoman Judy Chu, RMA President Marc Sazer, ICSOM President Meredith Snow, composer, arranger, and Secretary of Americans for Democratic Action Cliff Tasner, and WGA-W Political Director Corri Freedman.

All of our panelists were extremely knowledgeable and well prepared to talk about the issues of concern for musicians. Members asked insightful questions about where the greatest threats would come from, and about how we could do effective advocacy.

For the second part of the meeting, members broke out into groups to begin planning collective actions that musicians could take to defend healthcare, arts and education, labor rights, and to attract scoring work through tax credits. Some members volunteered to be “Principle Organizers,” committing to taking a leadership role in an event or an ongoing issue. Every member signed up to contribute to efforts around one or more issue.

We are developing a number of tools to help you communicate and organize your fellow musicians to get involved in political issues. Now that we’ve started to connect musicians that want to be involved politically, and built a framework from which we can plan and execute actions, let’s get to work. [Sign up here](#) to work with Local 47 reps and organizers and participate in ongoing actions around healthcare, human rights, dignity, and diversity.



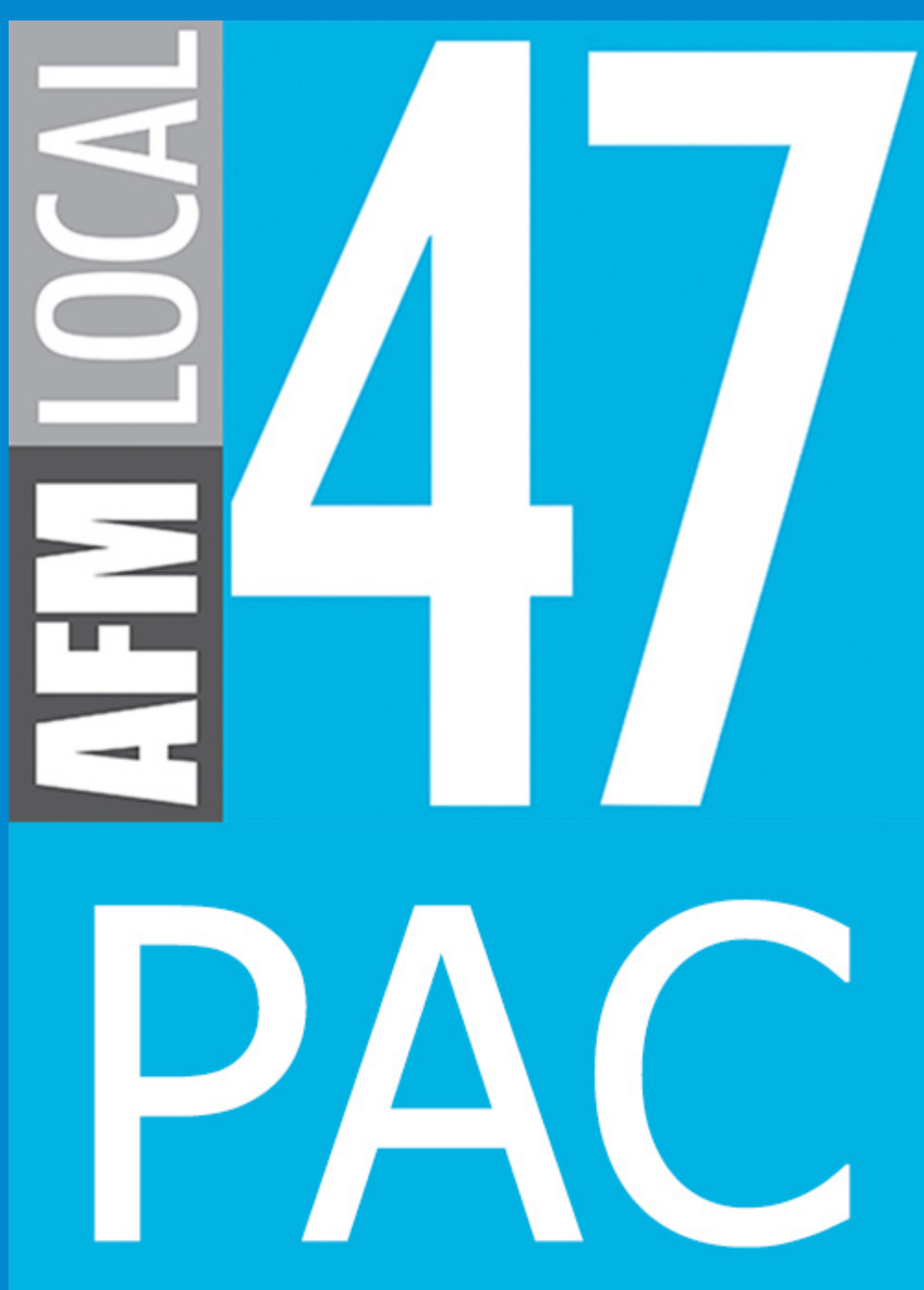
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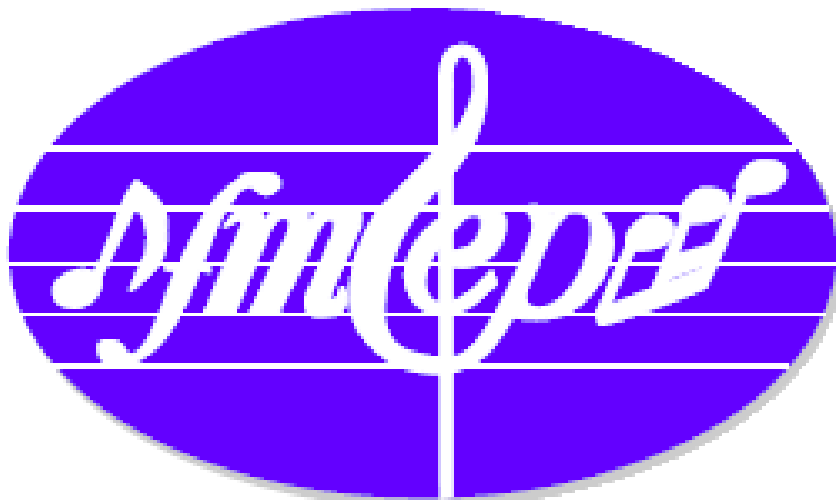
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For more information call the President’s Office at 323.993.3181.





At the Local



AFM Pension Fund Informational Meeting

Monday, March 6, 7:30 pm

@ Local 47 Serena Kay & Earl Williams Auditorium
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Please join us for a meeting and Q&A with AFM President Ray Hair
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General Membership Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2017
Serena Kay & Earl Williams Auditorium
7:30 pm

On the Agenda (subject to change):

- Presentation of 50-Year Pins
- Voting on Resolution 1 to Amend the Bylaws
(Held over from January meeting. See text in the Winter 2017 Overture Magazine)
- Officer Reports
- Old and New Business

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Piano - Mike Lang

Guitar - Grant Geissman

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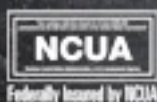
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Member Spotlight:

Music Director Marcy A. Sudock Blends Artistry With Advocacy



by Linda A. Rapka

After years of watching music programs in schools dwindle town to almost nothing in her neighborhood of Long Beach, Marcy A. Sudock set out to do something about it.



Partnering with a local neighborhood youth center in 2001, she founded the Musique Sur La Mer Orchestras, a nonprofit orchestra group serving every level of musical performance starting with musicians as young as 7 years old. In an effort to build up music programs in public schools, which often limit students to one or two electives, as a contingency to join MSLM students must also be enrolled in their school's music program.

Sudock, a multi-faceted musician, conductor, and private music instructor, serves as artistic director and conductor of several various performing groups under the MSLM umbrella, which any given year ranges from 55 to up to 300 students. La Petite Musique Children's Orchestra serves musicians ages 7-14, progressing to the MSLM Youth Symphony Orchestra, MSLM Chamber and Jazz Orchestra, MSLM Wind and String Ensembles, and the MSLM Chamber Ensembles.

Throughout the program's first several years, as Sudock watched her students grow into talented artists, a worrisome question persisted: Once they graduated, where would they get their first professional gig? She decided to take it upon herself to find an answer, and gathered together the best musicians she knew and founded the professional Musique Sur La Mer Orchestra. Comprising members of AFM Locals 353 Long Beach, 47 Los Angeles, and 7 Orange County, the orchestra provides an avenue for students who graduate through the program to perform in a professional setting.

"It is important to let the kids see that yes, there is a life as a musician, yes you should join the union, yes you should be a contributing member of your community," Sudock said. "And it's working."

Many MSLM alumni have earned attendance into some of the nation's most prestigious universities including Yale, USC, UCLA, Pepperdine and Stanford, and conservatories such as Juilliard, Berklee, and the Eastman Schools of Music. "Easily 98% have gotten full scholarships to college," Sudock said. "Many have become professional musicians in their own right. Others have started youth orchestras in other areas of the country, wanting to proliferate what they learned. Some are doctors and lawyers and other professionals, but still play music."

Living up to its name, Musique Sur La Mer incorporates music from cultures around the globe in its repertoire and travels the world performing concerts that inspire and sustain by raising money for various charities. Sudock has conducted her students in such illustrious venues as Sydney's Opera House, London's Royal College of Music, Vienna's Musikverien, and New Zealand's Christchurch Cathedral in addition to numerous venues in the Long Beach area. Her primary aim with these orchestras is to empower musicians, create peace through the international language of music has worked hand in hand with strong ethics, responsibility, musicality, education, passion and commitment. The students volunteer for beach clean-ups in the Long Beach area once a month. Three years ago the program had grown so large it branched off to become its own 501(c)3 organization.

The Musique Sur La Mer Orchestra will perform the "For the Love of Our Oceans" concert Sunday, March 5 at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific. The program features four world-premiere compositions by four of America's greatest composers: Richard Danielpour, Kenneth Fuchs, Max Wolpert, and Edward Zelig.

"We wrote to the four composers hoping that maybe one might agree," Sudock said. "Within 20 minutes, all of them had emailed back. Each of them said they love our orchestra and conducting."

To say this concert is a labor of love for Sudock is an overwhelming understatement: When funding for the concert was unexpectedly and tragically cut off after the benefactor's sudden death, she and her husband Mark committed to funding the concert themselves by taking out money against their home.

"We made a commitment to the musicians," she explained. "But we now it's going to work. The goal and dream of all of this is that it is a program based on the sea. And the music is stunning."

A portion of the proceeds after costs will go to the Aquarium for ocean cleanup.

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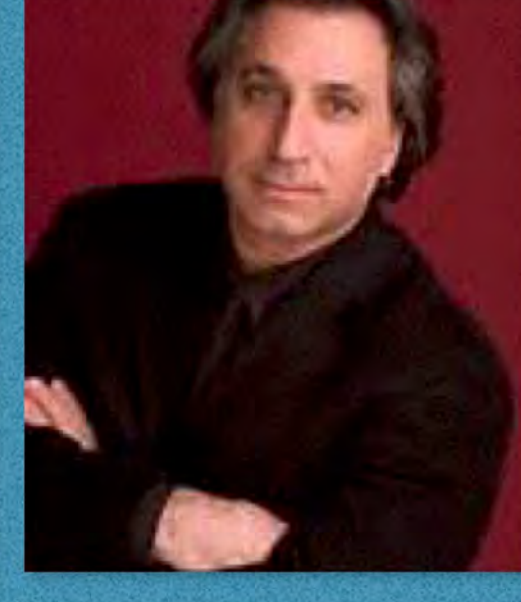
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Member Spotlight:

Music Director Marcy A. Sudock Blends Artistry With Advocacy



by Linda A. Rapka

After years of watching music programs in schools dwindle town to almost nothing in her neighborhood of Long Beach, Marcy A. Sudock set out to do something about it.



Partnering with a local neighborhood youth center in 2001, she founded the Musique Sur La Mer Orchestras, a nonprofit orchestra group serving every level of musical performance starting with musicians as young as 7 years old. In an effort to build up music programs in public schools, which often limit students to one or two electives, as a contingency to join MSLM students must also be enrolled in their school's music program.

Sudock, a multi-faceted musician, conductor, and private music instructor, serves as artistic director and conductor of several various performing groups under the MSLM umbrella, which any given year ranges from 55 to up to 300 students. La Petite Musique Children's Orchestra serves musicians ages 7-14, progressing to the MSLM Youth Symphony Orchestra, MSLM Chamber and Jazz Orchestra, MSLM Wind and String Ensembles, and the MSLM Chamber Ensembles.

Throughout the program's first several years, as Sudock watched her students grow into talented artists, a worrisome question persisted: Once they graduated, where would they get their first professional gig? She decided to take it upon herself to find an answer, and gathered together the best musicians she knew and founded the professional Musique Sur La Mer Orchestra. Comprising members of AFM Locals 353 Long Beach, 47 Los Angeles, and 7 Orange County, the orchestra provides an avenue for students who graduate through the program to perform in a professional setting.

"It is important to let the kids see that yes, there is a life as a musician, yes you should join the union, yes you should be a contributing member of your community," Sudock said. "And it's working."

Many MSLM alumni have earned attendance into some of the nation's most prestigious universities including Yale, USC, UCLA, Pepperdine and Stanford, and conservatories such as Juilliard, Berklee, and the Eastman Schools of Music. "Easily 98% have gotten full scholarships to college," Sudock said. "Many have become professional musicians in their own right. Others have started youth orchestras in other areas of the country, wanting to proliferate what they learned. Some are doctors and lawyers and other professionals, but still play music."

Living up to its name, Musique Sur La Mer incorporates music from cultures around the globe in its repertoire and travels the world performing concerts that inspire and sustain by raising money for various charities. Sudock has conducted her students in such illustrious venues as Sydney's Opera House, London's Royal College of Music, Vienna's Musikverien, and New Zealand's Christchurch Cathedral in addition to numerous venues in the Long Beach area. Her primary aim with these orchestras is to empower musicians, create peace through the international language of music has worked hand in hand with strong ethics, responsibility, musicality, education, passion and commitment. The students volunteer for beach clean-ups in the Long Beach area once a month. Three years ago the program had grown so large it branched off to become its own 501(c)3 organization.

The Musique Sur La Mer Orchestra will perform the "For the Love of Our Oceans" concert Sunday, March 5 at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific. The program features four world-premiere compositions by four of America's greatest composers: Richard Danielpour, Kenneth Fuchs, Max Wolpert, and Edward Zelig.

"We wrote to the four composers hoping that maybe one might agree," Sudock said. "Within 20 minutes, all of them had emailed back. Each of them said they love our orchestra and conducting."

To say this concert is a labor of love for Sudock is an overwhelming understatement: When funding for the concert was unexpectedly and tragically cut off after the benefactor's sudden death, she and her husband Mark committed to funding the concert themselves by taking out money against their home.

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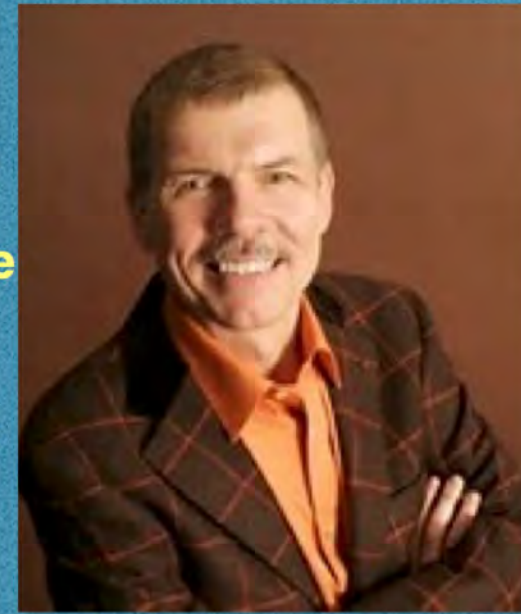
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AFM Updates

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Establishment of this scale stabilizes rates in an increasingly portable work environment and removes the incentive for producers or their agents located, or mounting a production, in a Local's jurisdiction to engage music prep services in a different Local solely on the basis that a different Local may have lower music prep rates.

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International Orchestra Conference to Meet in Montreal in May



In May of this year, the International Orchestra Conference will be held in North America for the first time, presenting an auspicious opportunity for AFM members to attend this exciting event.

The conference aims to provide a venue for orchestral musicians from around the world to share their experiences, concerns and initiatives on issues such as such as:

- Improving workplace conditions
- Orchestra business models
- Player participation on orchestra boards
- Broadcasts, streaming and musicians' performance rights
- Union representation

The conference is presented by the International Federation of Musicians (FIM) and hosted by the Québec Musicians' Guild (AFM Local 406) from May 11-14 in Montreal. Maestro Yannick Nézet-Séguin, recently named music director of the Metropolitan Opera, will serve as the official Ambassador of the conference, also held in conjunction with the 375th anniversary of the founding of Montreal.

[Get more information about the conference here.](#)



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Made In Hollywood Honors 2017

6th annual awards ceremony recognizes
Los Angeles-scored films

The 6th Annual Made In Hollywood Honors recognized *La La Land*, *Moana* and *Zootopia* as this year's Oscar-nominated features filmed here in California. All three motion pictures carry the distinct designation of having also been scored in Los Angeles by AFM Local 47 musicians.

Hosted by L.A. City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the honors ceremony were held on the morning of February 16, 2017, at the Heart of Hollywood Terrace at 1600 VINE, which stands on the historic site of the Hollywood Brown Derby.

The MIHH program salutes films nominated for Academy Awards for Best Picture or Best Animated Feature produced and filmed in California. Joined with the City Council in its sponsorship are SAG-AFTRA, California Film Commission, FilmL.A., Teamsters Local 399, the Film Musicians Secondary Markets Fund, and the Producers Guild of America, together with MIHH partner and co-sponsor, 1600 VINE and its managing partner, Klein Financial Corporation.



Representing the Los Angeles musicians union at this year's awards ceremony were AFM Local 47 President John Acosta, Vice President Rick Baptist, Secretary/Treasurer Gary Lasley, EMD Administrator Gordon Grayson, Communications Director Linda Rapka, and Recording Musicians Association International President Marc Sazer.

AFM Local 47 composer Justin Hurwitz was among those accepting the award for *La La Land*, and recieved two statuettes in this year's awards ceremony: Best Original Score and best Original Song category. Moana composer Lin-Manuel Miranda also received a nomination for Original Song.

Kim Roberts Hedgpeth of the Film Musicians Secondary Markets Fund addressed the crowd to recognize the hundreds of AFM Local 47 musicians and music prep personnel for their contributions to these acclaimed films.

In addition to MIHH recognition of California-based Best Picture and Best Animated Feature nominees, the Lifetime Contribution to Hollywood Honor was initiated in 2016 and presented to composer/conductor John Williams in recognition of his lifetime support of Hollywood's music community and his 50th Oscar nomination.

Since MIHH was established in 2011, several honoree films have gone on to win Oscars for Best Picture or Animated Feature, including Los Angeles-scored films *Argo*, *Frozen*, *Big Hero 6*, and *Inside Out*.

MIHH also presents a summer ceremony honoring the year's Emmy-nominated TV programs produced in California.

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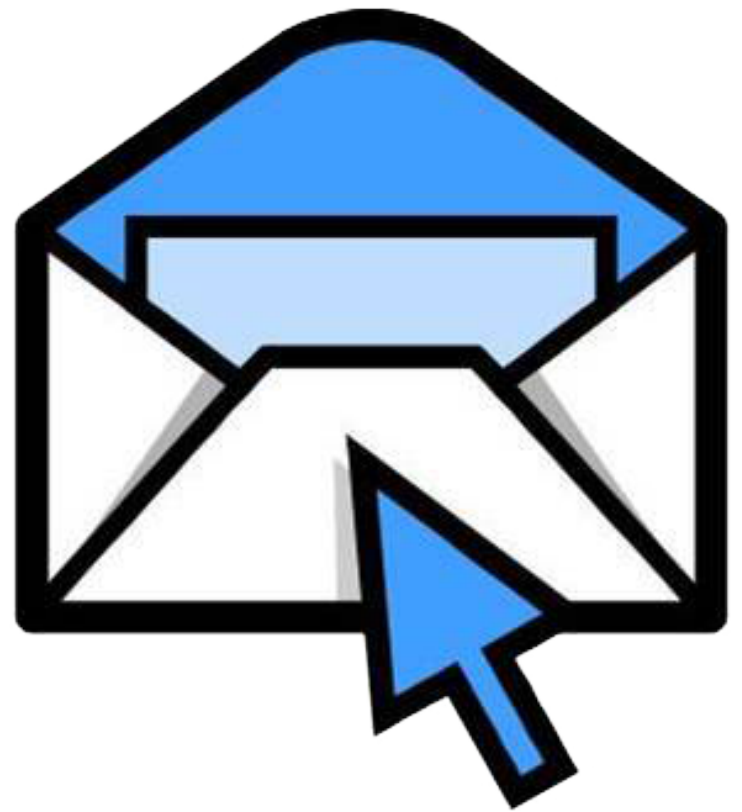
Searching for Mike Randall

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Mike Randall, a pianist and composer whose membership in AFM 47 lapsed 22 years ago?

I am writing a biography of screenwriter Ernest Lehman ("The King And I," "North By Northwest," "West Side Story," and "The Sound of Music," among others) and am trying to find Randall, who is probably in his late sixties or early seventies. He was a friend of Lehman's.

Anyone with information can contact me at 3322 Rowena Ave. #C, Los Angeles, CA 90027, (323) 661-7428 or at bluewombat134@startmail.com.

Jon Krampner



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Downey Symphony

March 7

9 a.m. - Rio San Gabriel Elementary
Leader: Mark Artusio
Side Musicians: 5

March 17

9 a.m. - Unsworth Elementary
Leader: Mark Artusio
Side Musicians: 5

March 10

9 a.m. - Rio Hondo Elementary
Leader: Mark Artusio
Side Musicians: 5

March 20

9 a.m. - Old River Elementary
Leader: Mark Artusio
Side Musicians: 5

March 14

9 a.m. - Williams Elementary
Leader: Mark Artusio
Side Musicians: 5

March 23

9 a.m. - St. Raymond's School
Leader: Mark Artusio
Side Musicians: 5

All of the listed Local 47 Trust Fund jobs are co-sponsored with at least 75% matching funds.



Send in Your MPTF Request for Assistance

The Recording Industries' Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) fiscal year ends April 30. Now is the time for potential grant applicants to send in letters requesting assistance for your group, ensemble or orchestra.

Changes to the MPTF require that all grant applicants have a Federal ID number (e.g. non-profit organization, local business, etc.) and assume all employer responsibilities; Local 47 is no longer responsible for preparing the payrolls as in years past. Applicants accepted for an MPTF grant are responsible for direct payment to all musicians, including benefits, work dues and the proper filing of union reports with Local 47. Once all the necessary paperwork and proof of payroll is submitted to Local 47, the documents will be sent to MPTF headquarters in New York. Once verified and processed, your grant check will be mailed directly from MPTF.

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Funds are made available by MPTF to sponsor performances for community events, outdoor park concerts, libraries, senior citizen centers and museums, as well as educational performances throughout Los Angeles County by a wide variety of jazz, classical, chamber, symphonic and other ensembles.

Each new fiscal year we seem to receive more and more requests for assistance. All requests will be reviewed for approval, and recommendations will be forwarded to MPTF in New York. Our new fiscal year begins May 1 and goes through April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Local 47 MPTF Administrator Diane Lauerman at (323) 993-3156 or diane.lauerman@promusic47.org.

All requests MUST be received in writing no later than April 1.

Mail requests to:
AFM Local 47 Attn: MPTF Department
817 Vine St. Hollywood CA 90038

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. Music must be the main reason for the event.
2. The concert must be free and open to the public, with no condition for admittance.
3. There must be no donations solicited before, after, or during the performance.
4. There must be no recording (video or audio) of a performance.
5. Music must not be used for any fundraising activity no matter how worthwhile the project.
6. Music must not be part of a religious service, seminar, clinic, etc.



Help Make the Voice of Musicians Heard at City Hall

Your voluntary contributions to the Local 47 Political Action Committee (PAC) Fund will allow us to take our concerns directly to City Hall by supporting candidates and legislation that further the goals of professional musicians in Los Angeles.

Donate Today!

Send in your contributions by checking the PAC box on your dues statement or mail a check made out to "Local 47 PAC" to 817 Vine St. Hollywood 90038.

Are You a Musical Theater Musician?

TMA SoCal, the Southern California chapter of the Theatre Musicians Association (TMA), invites you to join and be part of our growing **Theater Musician Community**.



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- ❖ Opportunities to connect with other Theater Musicians throughout the AFM
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- ❖ Subscription to *The Pit Bulletin Blast*, - up to date notifications on musical theater
- ❖ Access to SoCal chapter meetings
- ❖ Access to the current and future AFM musical theater tour itineraries
- ❖ Subscription to *The Pit and the Pen*, TMA SoCal's own newsletter
- ❖ Part of a collective voice that speaks with the AFM leadership

Start your year by becoming part of the community of union Theater Musicians and join TMA SoCal. Annual Dues for 2017 are \$50.00. You can join online at tmasocal.org.

For more information, or to receive a membership application, email: president@tmasocal.org.



Final Notes



Send your Final Notes remembrances to:

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Photos are welcome. Submissions are due the
15th of the month.

In Memoriam

David Axelrod

Life Member. Composer

4/17/1931 – 2/5/2017

Survived by spouse & children

Jonathan S. Charles

Life Member. Orchestrator

10/14/1946 – 1/3/2017

Survived by spouse & son

Thomas M. Diener

Viola

6/15/1959 – 2/2/2017

Survived by friend

Jack Haggerty

Life Member. Guitar

12/19/1918 – 3/15/2016

Survived by spouse

Alwin L. Jarreau

Life Member. Vocalist

3/12/1940 – 2/12/2017

Survived by friends

Daniel J. Mark

Life Member. Guitar

7/14/1946 – 1/5/2017

Survived by son & family

A. Byron Peebles

Life Member. Baritone Horn

1/30/1931 – 1/16/2017

Survived by spouse & children

Dan Mark

Life Member. Guitar

7/14/1946 – 1/5/2017

Musician Dan Mark passed away on January 5, 2017, after many years of suffering from grave health problems. He is survived by his first wife Sally Gordon-Mark, his son Tony Mark, his daughter-in-law Jennifer, his granddaughter Justine, his second wife, Margie Sisco Mark and his step-daughter Sabrina.



Born on July 14, 1946 in North Hollywood, CA, he remained there most of his life, residing later in Studio City and then West Hollywood. He attended Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California and pursued higher studies later in life at UCLA.

In his late teens, Mr. Mark played banjo in a folk group, “The Coast Town Singers,” and then guitar in a dance band in the late 60s. He eventually traded his banjo for a used 1955 Fender bass. In 1968, his career as a concert and studio recording artist took off when he played on the Beach Boys’ LP, “Sunflower,” thanks to a recommendation from renowned studio drummer, Hal Blaine.

In March 1969, Dan Mark played in the first of many shows in Las Vegas, backing Wayne Newton at the Frontier Hotel. Employed as a studio musician, he joined the American Federation of Musicians, Local 47 (Los Angeles), receiving his first credit on Marvin Payne’s LP, “Ships of Dust.”

Over the next few years, legendary bass player Carol Kaye invited him to collaborate on a book, and he also studied with the late great jazz guitarist Joe Pass.

By 1971, Dan Mark was Vikki Carr’s regular bass player, playing in concert and on record dates and accompanying her on the road. In 1973 the popular vocalist and her band performed at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles, and the ensuing double LP, “Live at the Greek Theatre,” was an enormous success. They toured Europe in the summer of 1973.

The high point of Dan Mark’s career was [his performance at the White House for President Gerald Ford and his wife Betty](#): Vikki Carr and her ensemble played at the State dinner for Chancellor Kreisky of Austria on November 12, 1974.

Mr. Mark’s studio recordings include the Hanna Barbera cartoon themes, and those for Sid and Marty Croft on shows like “Josie and the Pussycats” and “The Bugaloos.” He also played in the Doc Severinson Band on the Tonight Show, when Johnny Carson hosted it in Burbank, CA.

Sadly however, he had to abandon his career in 1980 to care full-time for his mother, who suffered from Alzheimer’s. Eventually his own serious health problems disabled him more and more until he could no longer work.

Dan Mark will be remembered for being a talented musician, an encouraging, loving family member and friend, and for his devout religious practice and courage in the face of pain and affliction.





Should I Have a 'Living Trust'

"Living" or revocable trusts are not just for the wealthy. A trust can provide for the management of your assets if you become ill and unable to handle your affairs, or if you pass away. The person(s) you choose can assume responsibility for your financial affairs in an accountable fashion, and without court supervision.

Another advantage of a living trust over a mere will, particularly where there is an estate in excess of ***one hundred fifty thousand dollars***, is, quite simply, that wills are subject to Probate and trusts are not. If a Probate is required, statutory fees for attorneys and executors in California are among the highest in the country. For example, if your gross estate is \$500,000, which would certainly include ownership of a moderate home in many parts of Los Angeles, the state authorizes the payment of fees and commissions to-

taling \$52,000, plus the Court costs and related expenses. A substantial portion of these costs can be avoided through the proper establishment and operation of a living trust.

In our practice, we often see people who have estates larger than anticipated. High real estate values, even in the current market, often translate into a significant increase in estate assets. This real property, if not held in a trust, may be subject to probate, which could mean a drawn out and expensive Court procedure. The high cost of probate is not unwarranted. It is often a time consuming and unwieldy process. Even a simple Probate proceeding can take over a year in Los Angeles County.

Take the time to plan your estate while you can, and before you have to.

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At this year's 89th Academy Awards ceremony, Local 47 composer Justin Hurwitz took home two golden statuettes for his work on *La La Land*, winning Best Original Score and for Best Original Song, "City of Stars." Congratulations to all of the musicians, composers and music prep personnel who helped to create this incredible music, and to everyone who worked on all of this year's Oscar-nominated projects and awards show! (View the full list of nominees at listen-la.com.)



Photos: Rick Baptist

2017 Academy Awards Orchestra

Violin

Alyssa Park (concertmaster)
Charlie Bisharat
Mark Cargill
Julie Gigante
Songa Lee
Natalie Leggett
Serena McKinney
Sara Parkins
Shalini Vijayan

Viola

Darrin McCann (principal)
Karen Elaine
Lynne Richburg

Cello

Cecilia Tsan (principal)
Vanessa Freebairn-Smith
Tim Loo

Acoustic Bass

Mike Valerio

Woodwinds

Dan Higgins
Chris Bleth
Jeff Driskill
Gene Cipriano
Sal Lozano

Flute

David Shostac

Trumpet

Wayne Bergeron (1st)
Chris Gray
Fred Irby

Trombone

Andy Martin (1st)
Reggie Young
Craig Gosnell

Horn

Joe Meyer (1st)
Dylan Hart
Laura Brenes

Harp

Katie Kirkpatrick

Keyboard

Tom Ranier
Michael Bearden

Guitar

Dean Parks
Greg Poree

Bass

Trey Henry

Drums

Ralph Humphrey

Percussion

Dan Greco
Vanessa Brown
Don Williams (+ timpani)

Copyists

Bill Hughes
Danita Ng-Poss
Mae Crosby
Jason Poss
Bob Calderwood
Jeff Jones
Emmanuel Fratianni

Arrangers

Harold Wheeler
Dan Higgins
Tom Ranier
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Healthcare at the Crossroads

Healthcare in America is at a critical crossroads under the Trump Administration. We need to protect, improve, and expand on the healthcare gains we have made. But we can't stop there. We must finish the job and ensure that everyone has the healthcare they need.



Labor United for Universal Healthcare and Campaign for a Healthy California are hosting a workshop on the current state of healthcare in America (including the new campaign here in California to win guaranteed healthcare for all), and a speakers training on advocating for single payer universal healthcare. Please register for one or both events!

Workshop: Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at AFSCME District Council 36 (514 Shatto Place, Los Angeles): \$25 (includes lunch)

Speakers Training: Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CNA (255 W. Broadway, Glendale): \$25 (includes lunch)

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Please invite your friends, share on your personal page and pages you administer, and share with other healthcare justice organizations and allies.



Union-Made, Union-Owned Carwash!

Last week, 17 carwash workers opened the first Union Worker-Owned Cooperative Carwash in Los Angeles.

The *carwasheros* took ownership when the previous owner abandoned her business in the middle of the night, leaving behind unpaid bills and the workers to fend for themselves. In 2012, Vermont Gage Carwash, LLC made history by becoming the first union carwash in Los Angeles.

And today, these workers made history by becoming the first worker-owners, all while retaining their United Steelworkers Local 675 contract and union memberships.

Congratulations to these courageous and hardworking *carwasheros*!



IAM Reaches Agreement With Alaska Airlines

Last week, we told you about the contract negotiations between the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) and Alaska Airlines. Days later, they reached a transitional agreement that will provide improvements to the working conditions and benefits for Clerical, Office and Passenger Service (COPS) employees. This agreement spells out how Virgin America employees will transition to the coverage of the existing IAM-Alaska Airlines collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

The agreement protects all pre-merger Virgin America Passenger Service work at eight new locations, covering approximately 800 Passenger Service Employees. This also achieves pay parity for all workers at both pre-merger carriers, and extends union protections to the previously non-union Virgin America employees.

The IAM represents over 4,000 Clerical, Office, Fleet and Passenger Service, Reservations and Stores employees at the combined Alaska Airlines-Virgin America, and is the largest airline union in North America.





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Keep Affordable Housing in LA

The Measure S folks claim to care about working people. Don't let them fool you. Measure S is a ban on virtually all housing in L.A. and it will drive up rents and eliminate thousands of good jobs.



We've seen it before.

For the last 100 years, we've been fighting for working people. It's literally why we exist. But don't just take it from us—the only economic study done on Measure S says it will cost workers \$640 million a year in wages. S is opposed by the biggest coalition in L.A. history, with homeless groups, business groups and regular working people all on the same side.

Help us make sure working people don't get screwed. [Share the nosforla.org website](https://nosforla.org) with your friends and family, and ask them to **Vote No on S** in March.

In solidarity,

Rusty Hicks, Convener | No on S - Build Better LA

Do Not Work For...



This list contains the names of employers with whom Local 47 currently has disputes:

Kerry Candaele

Non-payment of pension and H&W contributions for live performances

Michael Franco

Non-payment of pension and H&W contributions for live performances

Ron Goswick / Valley Music Theatre

Non-payment of wages, pension and H&W contributions for theatrical performances

J. Anthony McAlister / McAlister Arts

Non-payment of wages and H&W contributions for live performances

Ghiya Rushidat

Non-payment of pension and H&W contributions for live performances

Jeff Weber / Weberworks

Non-payment of wages, pension and H&W contributions for recording session

West Covina Symphony

Non-payment of wages, pension and H&W contributions for live performances

*If you have any questions about this list please contact
President John Acosta: 323.993.3181*

Notice of Strike Sanctions

On June 24, 2015, strike sanctions were approved by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor against:

Cinema Scoring

Collective Media Guild

Peter Rotter Music Services

If and when any of the aforementioned parties calls a non-union engagement, other labor unions have agreed to stand in solidarity with Local 47 and not cross our line. If you are being pressured to participate in non-union work or take financial-core status and quit the union, know that it is illegal for employers or employers' representatives to coerce, pressure or otherwise influence any employee to take fi-core status under the National Labor Relations Act. Should this happen to you, call 323.993.3130. Your Union will take action — with legal counsel if necessary — on your behalf to ensure your rights as a union worker are protected.





Photo: Linda A. Rapka

***BlackMusic, BlackWork* Launches in Leimert Park**

New historical exhibition explores the legacy of the Black Los Angeles musicians union Local 767

Leimert Park lit up the night of February 23 at the exhibition opening of [*BlackMusic, BlackWork*](#).



Presented in conjunction with the Los Angeles Black Worker Center, UCLA Labor Center, the exhibit shares the dynamic history of organizing in the arts spans the founding of the Black musicians union Local 767 in the 1920s to the contemporary struggles of working musicians who understand the transformative power of art and culture.

Special guests speakers included AFM Local 47 President John Acosta, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, LA County Federation of Labor Rusty Hicks, Los Angeles Black Worker Center Co-founder Lola Smallwood Cuevas and member Andrene Scott, and Dr. Robin D.G. Kelley, Professor and Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in U.S. History at UCLA. Black Worker Center member Patsy Howard served as MC.



[View the full photo gallery here](#)

Representatives from Marqueece Harris-Dawson (District 8) and Herb Wesson (District 10) presented Certificates of Honor to the creators of the exhibit, and to the families of 767 members Buddy Collette, Gerald Wilson, Horace Tapscott, and Red Callender who were in the audience.

Big Jay McNeely, an original member of 767 and a Life Member of Local 47, was present to accept his honor and share a few memories of his early career. Now 89, he's still going strong, having just released a new record and continuing to perform concerts around the world.



[Watch video of Big Jay McNeely addressing the Black-Music, BlackWork Exhibit Opening audience here.](#)

Live music was highlighted throughout the program. Vocalist Hasani Davis sang an a cappella version of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the "Black American National Anthem." The Nedra Wheeler Trio (Wheeler - bass, Nick Smith - piano, Donald Dean - drums) performed selections written by 767 legends Charles Mingus, Buddy Collette, Gerald Wilson, Red Callender, Horace Tapscott, John Coltrane, and Marl Young. Acclaimed vocalist Barbara Morrison joined the band in a lively rendition of "Things Ain't What They Used to Be" by Mercer Ellington and Ted Persons.

The exhibit will be open through June 30, 2017, at the new California Jazz and Blues Museum just opened by Barbara Morrison. For museum hours call (323) 350-1962.



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Dental Hygiene Tips From Delta Dental

QUICK AND EASY DENTAL HYGIENE

Parties with friends, family visits, holiday shopping – often, we get swept up in the festivities of the holiday season, and we may let the little things slide. But don't let the hustle and bustle of the season keep you from practicing good dental hygiene.

In the long run, good dental hygiene is not such a little thing. To prevent dental problems from developing, you should continue to brush twice a day, floss every day and have your gums and teeth regularly evaluated by your dentist no matter how busy you are.

QUICK FIXES FOR DENTAL HYGIENE

How do you keep up with your oral care regimen when you're in a hurry? Here are some tips for keeping your dental care regimen effective and efficient:

1. No time to floss? If you're crunched for time, consider keeping some floss picks near your couch or TV for use while watching your favorite show. Or throw some in your purse or your pocket and use them on the go. And although most people cite lack of time as a reason for not flossing, the Academy of General Dentistry says that flossing even two or three times a week has its benefits and is far better than not flossing at all.
2. If you don't have time to brush after a meal, be sure to rinse your mouth thoroughly with water to remove all food particles and lingering sugars.
3. Better yet, keep a bottle of fluoride mouth rinse in your purse, glove box or office desk drawer and slip away for a quick, refreshing rinse. Although mouth rinses should not be considered substitutes for a proper regimen of brushing with fluoride toothpaste and flossing, they can be a good quick fix to slow acid formation and tooth decay until you find the time later that day to floss and brush your teeth properly.
4. Sugar-free gum or mints with xylitol can be a quick fix for on-the-go dental care. Xylitol has been shown to have decay-preventive qualities. Experts recommend using a xylitol product immediately after meals and snacks to help reduce plaque, inhibit adhesion of bacteria to the teeth and reduce contact time of sugars on teeth. Because duration of exposure is important, gum should be chewed for approximately 5 minutes and mints should be allowed to dissolve.

Although these tips will help you keep up with your oral hygiene when you're pressed for time, there's just no substitute for regular brushing and flossing when it comes to fighting tooth decay. In addition, the better the brushing and flossing technique you have, the more effective you will be and the less time you will need to spend keeping your teeth in tip-top shape.

Don't put it off, start the New Year right; make an appointment with your dentist for an exam and teeth cleaning.



LA Chamber Orchestra Music Director Jeffrey Kahane to Perform Final Concerts

LACO Music Director Jeffrey Kahane concludes his remarkable 20-year tenure with the Orchestra in grand fashion with a program that includes something new, something personal and something profound on Saturday, May 20, 2017, 8 p.m. at the Alex Theatre, and Sunday, May 21, 2017, 7 p.m. at Royce Hall.



Photo: CM Artists

The concerts open with Kahane conducting the world premiere of a LACO commission by 2014 Pulitzer-Prize finalist Christopher Cerone, “a rising star” (The New Yorker) whose compositional voice is characterized by expressive lyricism, ringing clarity and a deep literary fluency. Kahane, a world renowned pianist, then takes on dual roles as soloist and conductor, in his trademark style, as he leads the Orchestra from the keyboard to perform Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 27, which he describes as a “bittersweet valedictory piece about being at the end of winter and longing for spring.”

For his final flourish as LACO music director, Kahane takes the podium to conduct Schubert’s Symphony No. 9, “The Great C-major,” which embodies Schubert’s great love of Beethoven.

After each performance, the audience is invited to a free post-concert party with Kahane and LACO artists to celebrate Kahane’s final appearance as LACO Music Director.

Tickets start at \$27. For information about the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra’s 2016-17 season or to order tickets, please call 213 622 7001, or visit www.laco.org.



Local 47 Property Notice

Notice to All Persons Entering or Utilizing the Property of the Musicians Club* of Los Angeles:

The premises of the Musicians Club of Los Angeles are reserved for the exclusive use by the officers, employees, and Full, Youth, Life or Inactive Life Members in good standing of AFM Local 47 and the American Federation of Musicians. All other persons must receive written permission from the office of Local 47's president to enter or utilize these premises. Local 47 reserves the right to remove and to cite for trespass any party found on these premises who does not fulfill the above conditions of occupancy. (Note: This notice is not applicable to those making deliveries to AFM Local 47, or customers of and those making deliveries to tenants of 817 Vine Street.)

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Work Dues Notices

At its Dec. 9, 2014 meeting, the Local 47 Executive Board passed the following motion:

"As a matter of policy, Local 47 will no longer mail checks to members or non-members whose delinquent work dues liability is in excess of \$1,000. When the Local receives a payroll check for anyone who has such a delinquency, the member or non-member shall be contacted by the Secretary/Treasurer's office. Checks within 14 days of expiration will be deposited in the Escrow Fund."

If you fall into that category, you will receive a postcard informing you that your check is in the office. You can call the Secretary/Treasurer's office at (323) 993-3159 to discuss your work dues delinquency and to make arrangements to pick up your check.

Notice From the Executive Board:

Work Dues Delinquency and Suspension

- 1) Local 47 members whose work dues delinquency exceeds \$500 shall be suspended and
- 2) non-Local 47 members whose work dues delinquency exceeds \$500 shall be referred to the IEB as provided in the AFM bylaws.

Rehearsal Room Schedule

Rehearsal room rates are \$15 per 2½-hour block for regular rooms, and \$20 per 2½-hour block for large rooms (1 and 6). All rehearsals will be 2½ hours in length ending at 9:30 p.m. on weeknights and 3:30 p.m. on weekends. If you require more time, an additional block of time must be purchased. The P.A. rate is \$10 per rehearsal.

Open to ALL AFM members!

For reservations contact Jeff Surga:
(323) 993-3179

MONDAY – FRIDAY
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1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Resignation Policy

TO RESIGN IN GOOD STANDING:

In order to resign in good standing, you must email, mail or fax your written request to Local 47 before your membership is suspended. Though dues are due Jan. 1 and July 1, current grace periods extend to March 31 and Sept. 30, respectively; suspensions are posted April 1 and Oct. 1.

In addition to membership dues, all other financial obligations, Local and International, must be paid prior to resignation. Your letter of resignation will be presented at the following Executive Board meeting and a written response will be mailed to you. Don't wait! If you wait, you will be required to pay another half year's dues or clearance fee.

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Membership Dues Policy

Annual Membership Dues

Regular Member

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Life Member

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Inactive Life Member: \$90

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Suspension/Expulsion

Annual and Semi-Annual Membership Dues, due Jan. 1 of each year, must be received by March 31 (three-month grace period) to avoid suspension. If not paid by this date, a reinstatement fee will be assessed. Both dues and reinstatement fee must be paid by June 30 to avoid expulsion. Likewise, Semi-Annual Membership Dues for Regular Members, due July 1, must be received by Sept. 30 (three-month grace period) to avoid suspension. If not paid by this date, a reinstatement fee will be assessed. Both dues and reinstatement fee must be paid by Dec. 31 to avoid expulsion.

Reinstatement

A member suspended for non-payment of Periodic Dues shall be restored to membership in good standing upon payment of a \$75 reinstatement fee together with all accrued indebtedness to the Local and the then current semi-annual Periodic Dues. A former member expelled for non-payment of Periodic Dues who applies for reinstatement within one year from the date of suspension shall be restored to membership in good standing upon payment of a \$75 reinstatement fee together with all indebtedness to the Local accrued until the time of expulsion, and the then current semi-annual Periodic Dues. A member suspended for reasons other than non-payment of Periodic Dues may be reinstated upon compliance with all orders of the Executive Board and/or the Hearing Board in addition to the payment of all accrued indebtedness to the Local together with the then current Periodic Dues.

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Please Note the Following Important Information:

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First - Reinstatement fee.

Second - Any remaining amount will be applied to current period membership dues.

Third - Any remaining balance will be applied to unpaid fines.

Fourth - Any remaining balance to late fees.

Fifth - Any remaining balance to work dues.

If you anticipate a late payment for full annual dues and you do not want your payment to be applied as in the above example, you must include the reinstatement fee with your payment. The reinstatement fee also applies to Life Members and Inactive Life Members.

As a reminder, membership dues statements are sent as a courtesy to you. If, for any reason, you do not receive a statement, it remains your responsibility to pay your membership dues and other financial obligations to Local 47.

HELP A MUSICIAN IN NEED

Be an anonymous donor to the Local 47 Musicians Relief Fund. Send contributions to the Secretary's office or call (323) 993-3159 for more information.

Multiple-Card AFM Member Rebate

According to Article 8, Section 7(a)(ii) of the AFM Bylaws, the rebate is only available to members who held simultaneous memberships in three or more Locals for the full calendar year. Members will not be given rebates for dual memberships.

Under the rebate program, membership in a base of two Locals must be established in order for a member to qualify for a rebate. The International Secretary/Treasurer's office has determined that a musician's membership in his or her "Home Local" and the subsequent Local of longest tenure shall be designated as the two base Locals. The Secretary/Treasurer's office will then rebate the appropriate per capita dues for membership in the third Local and any other Local(s) beyond three to which a member belonged for the entire previous calendar year.

To petition for a Multiple-Card Member Rebate, members should fill out the form and return it to the Secretary/Treasurer's office together with copies of all their paid-up membership cards, receipts of canceled checks for annual dues from all Locals, or a letter from each Local stating that the petitioner was a member in good standing of the Locals for the full year prior.

No rebates will be issued until the Secretary/Treasurer's office verifies that petitioning members held continuous membership and per capita dues have been paid in three or more Locals for the full prior year. Rebates will be issued after Jan. 1.

[Download the rebate form here](#)

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Monday, May 8 at Local 47

Principal Second Violin: 4-7 p.m.

Section Violins, Firsts (one position) and Seconds (2 positions):
8-11 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10 at Local 47

Associate Principal Cello: 9-11:30 a.m.

Section Double Bass (2 positions): 12:30-3 p.m.

Friday, May 12 at University Redlands

Associate Principal Viola: 9 a.m. - noon

Note: finalists in the Principal Second Violin Audition (4-7 p.m.) may be advanced to the finals of the Section Violin positions (8-11 p.m.).

Please send cover letter and resume to David L. Scott,
Personnel Manager at: David.Scott@redlandssymphony.com



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and Auditions For:

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