

# Local 728

*Weekly Digest*

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*In The Spotlight this week!*

## **Techquity Showcase- THIS SATURDAY!**

Come out for a mini CineGear Product demo! BB&S Lighting (sponsoring Donuts), First Entertainment Credit Union, Jagoteq (sponsoring Pizza), SanisetFleet, Sylmar Studios, AC Lighting and other vendors to be announced.



- **Saturday, February 22 | 10AM – 2PM**
- Saturday, April 26 | TBD
- Saturday, August 16 | TBD
- Saturday, October 18 | TBD

**Location:** IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

# TECHNOLOGY

2025

February 22

April 26

August 16

October 18

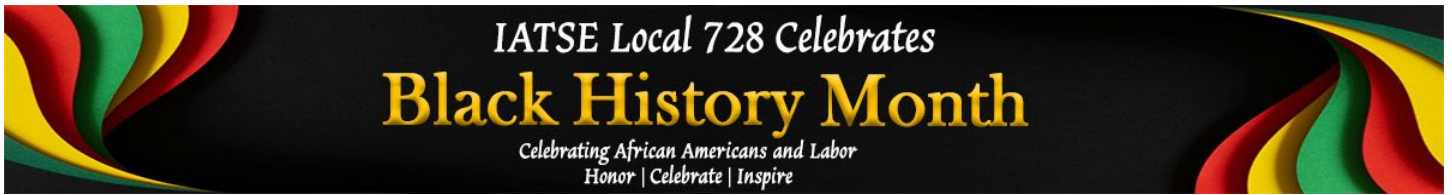


 IATSE Local 728

SUPER  
SOFT  
LAUNCH

The SUPER SOFT LAUNCH of the website continues.  
If you notice a bug, or other issue, here's where to send it:

<https://forms.gle/EapfTnGAARSDRcKk8>



## **IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Program- Extended Deadline**

Information for the 2025 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is now available on the website. The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 Office is **Friday, February 28, 2025**.

[Scholarship Programs | IATSE Local 728 - Log in Required](#)

If you would like to contribute to the IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund to help educate future generations, you can mail or drop off a check at the Local 728 office. The fund is NOW a 501c3 and your donation is tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to: IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Fund





## IATSE Local 728 Bulletin

The Bulletin is now available on the website!

In this issue:

- Local Launches Tech Showcase
- Getting out of debt faster and improving your credit rating!
- BIRDBONESinc.com
- Strength through Solidarity
- Classes, ETCP & Changes to Vectorworks Training
- Wildfire Resources

Log in required: [The Bulletin No.2](#)



## DEADLINE

Breaking Hollywood News Since 2006

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IATSE's Michael Miller Calls On Studios To Bring Production Back To L.A. As City Rebuilds After Wildfires:  
"Workers Want To Stay Here" — Guest Column

Production levels were so low in Los Angeles that when the fires hit last month, it was just another weight added to the shoulders of our industry.



Michael F. Miller Jr., IATSE  
Getty Images, IATSE

Michael Miller's Guest Column was published in *Deadline* February 12, 2025

The devastating fires might be behind us but their impact — displacing thousands, destroying homes, neighborhoods and lives — will have a very long tail.

To read the full column, scan the QR code or visit [www.deadline.com](http://www.deadline.com)



### INSIDE YOUR LOCAL BULLETIN



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Sam Beavers revolutionizes LED splitting with the launch of BirdBones

BIRDBONES

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## Classes Coming Soon...

So you want to work as an

### ***Underwater Lighting Technician***



The dive skills and commitment required for working underwater are significantly different than recreational diving so join our underwater lighting classes to improve your skills and be ready for underwater work.

**Classes are coming soon and pre-requisites are required**

Minimum of 25 open water non-class dives • Minimum of 6 dives in the 12 months preceding the class  
Diver must provide proof dive insurance • Medical Clearance • Open Water or better Certification

## MPTF's Movie Awards Charity Challenge

Join and support MPTF's Movie Awards Charity Challenge for a chance to win a 4-night stay at the Four Seasons Resort Maui, plus \$2,000 in Delta Air Lines flights. With a donation of \$20, predict the winners of Hollywood's premier awards ceremony! Must enter by 3:59PM on March 2nd. Every contribution makes a difference.

[mptf.com/movieawardscharitychallenge](http://mptf.com/movieawardscharitychallenge)





## **CDGA27 & Propstore**

IATSE Local 892 as part of their recent award show is holding an auction. All funds raised will DIRECTLY support IATSE Crewmembers who have been impacted by the fires.

**Propstore Auction Website can be found here:**

<https://propstoreauction.com/>

**Auction timeline:** February 6th – February 21st.



The poster features a dark green background with the word "Propstore" in white at the top left. Below it is a white caduceus symbol. To the right is a QR code. The main title "CDGA27 Charity Auction" is in large white letters. Below the title, it says "In Support of The IATSE Emergency Relief Fund" and "February 6-21, 2025" next to the IATSE logo. A dark blue banner at the bottom contains text about the partnership and auction items. At the very bottom, four items are displayed in white boxes with their respective captions.

Propstore

CDGA27  
Charity Auction

In Support of The IATSE  
Emergency Relief Fund

February 6-21, 2025

The Costume Designers Guild and Propstore have partnered to support those affected by the recent devastating wildfires in Los Angeles.

Discover extraordinary auction items from the costume community, including iconic costumes and props from James Bond, Stranger Things, House of the Dragon, and more!

**Wicked (2024)**  
Shiz Student Costume

Reba McEntire Worn Terry Ann Gordon  
Blue Gown from the 50th Anniversary  
CMA Awards

Hand-Drawn Bob Mackie Dress and  
Headdress "Take Me Home" Costume  
Sketch for Cher's 2008 Las Vegas  
Residency

Palm Royale (2024-Present)  
Maxine Dellacorte (Kristen Wig) Custom  
Made Alix Friedberg Pink Silk Gown  
with Flowers from Episodes 108 & 109

propstoreauction.com

# Upcoming Events

## **IATSE Local 728 Group Hike**

Join us on Sunday, February 23rd at Brand Park to hike the Seven Trees Overlook Trail.

**When:** Sunday, February 23

**Time:** 8:30AM

**Location:** Brand Park | 1601 W. Mountain St. | Glendale, CA 91201

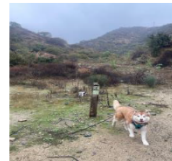
Parking Lot Between Brand Library and The Doctors House

**Questions/RSVP:** Mike Gips (626) 233-7744

### The Next IATSE / Local 728 Group Hike Sunday February 23, 2025



Trail Name: Seven Trees Overlook  
Brand Park – Glendale / Burbank  
Out and Back 4.0 Miles  
(Approximate)  
Duration About 2 hours



Meeting Time: 8:30 am (we start hiking at 8:45am)  
Hike Level: Moderate (All uphill then back down)  
Out and Back 4.0 Miles  
(People who want more can keep going up the ridge)  
Dogs Are Welcome, Possible mountain bike group ?  
Duration about 2 hours.

Meeting Location:

Parking Lot Between Brand Library and The Doctors House

Brand Park, Glendale CA.

1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale, CA 91201

Questions / RSVP – Mike Gips (626) 233-7744

## **MPTF Webinar- Building Confidence: Lessons for Avoiding Scams and Financial Elder Abuse**

Join us for a presentation to review:

- Common scams and strategies used by scammers to manipulate victims
- Best practices for preventing financial elder abuse and scams, including how to use powers of attorneys and other tools to spot abuse before it's too late
- Tips for reporting scams to various agencies and what to include in your report
- Additional legal and non-legal resources for victims of scams and their family members

**When:** Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4-5:15PM PT

**Location:** via Zoom

**Register:** [bit.ly./MPTFCaregiver0325](https://bit.ly/MPTFCaregiver0325)





## **IATSE Local 728 Retiree Luncheon**

Join your fellow retirees for the first luncheon of 2025 hosted at the Local. Enjoy good food, have fun and socialize.

**When:** Wednesday, March 12

**Time:** 12PM

**Location:** IATSE Local 728 | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506

**RSVP:** [community@iatse728.org](mailto:community@iatse728.org) or call (818) 954-0728



The invitation card features a green and white striped background with a decorative border of green shamrocks. In the top right corner, there is a logo for IATSE Local 728, which is a Maltese cross with the letters 'I', 'A', 'T', 'S', 'E' on the arms and '728' in the center. The text is arranged as follows:

*Join us for a...*  
**RETIREE  
LUNCHEON**

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**WEDNESDAY    12PM    MARCH 12**

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*at*  
**IATSE LOCAL 728**

**RSVP**  
**COMMUNITY@IATSE728.ORG**

# *Union Resources*

## **Disaster Assistance and Emergency Resources**

### **IATSE- Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

The IATSE and the Locals of the West Coast have combined resources into this link that will be updated regularly.

<https://iatse.net/socal-fires/>

### **Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)**

Available to independent contractors who are often employed in the entertainment and other LA industries. Check eligibility guidelines for details.

[Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\) Now Available to Los Angeles County Workers Impacted by California Wildfires and Severe Winds](#)

### **IA 728 Power Drops**

Thanks to member Jake Lyon for organizing a number of members and vendors providing portable power solutions. Please reach out if you have need and feel free to share. [IA 728 Free Power Drops Form](#)

### **ZELLO Support**

Zello support stands with the people of Los Angeles affected by the wildfires. Zello Support is repurposing their new Head Quarters across the street from Warner Bros. Studios into an Infrastructure Support Center. In this space, families will be able to receive guidance and support as they plan to rebuild their homes/lives.

<https://zellosupport.com>

Volunteer Shifts:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C49ADAA29A5FE3-54763638>



## **MPTF-Wildfire Relief**

MPTF has been working to help those in need of resources and providing services including financial assistance, supportive counseling and assistance navigating insurance needs. You don't have to deal with the challenges alone, MPTF is here to help. A list of Wildfire Resources, Navigating Fema and how you can contribute to those in need can be found at the link below. You can also call: (323)-634-3888

A video of the webinar, ***Wildfire Relief: Next Steps and Next Next Steps***, featuring guest speakers who gave guidance on how to navigate insurance claims, property taxes, tax payments, among other topics is now available at the same link or you can view [here](#).

<https://mptf.com/ways-to-give/wildfirerelief/>



**MPTF | IOO**  
MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION FUND

*Caring is Infinite*



## **Wildfire Relief**

Aid and resources for those impacted by the Southern California fires

### **MPTF/ECF Insurance Services**

For those who may be transitioning off MPI Health coverage, IATSE Local 700 recorded a Zoom Presentation with MPTF/ECF Insurance Services to help explain options beyond paid COBRA. Please check out this informative video.

[Zoom Presentation](#)

### **Mental Health Tools and Resources**

If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](http://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

## **IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits**

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including: Unemployment/Disability Insurance, Sick Dues, Life Insurance, Honorable Withdrawal, MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans, Motion Picture & Television Fund, Assistance Information

**Log-in required to view content:** [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

# *IATSE PAC*

## **IATSE PAC**

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

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today! <https://L728.co/iatsepac>

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



# *In Memoriam*

## **Celebration of Life for Brother William “Bill” Russell**

A 22-year member, Brother Russell passed away on September 28, 2024.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, March 15th at 1PM in West Hills, CA. Information can be found at the following link:

[Celebration of Life: Brother Russell](#)

