

Union Membership Makes the Difference

As a professional musician, your real strength comes from working collectively with other musicians. Isolated musicians are more easily exploited and less likely to receive the benefits Local 47 members enjoy — contracts that are more than just pieces of paper, health care and pension, scale wages worthy of professionals, and more.

AFM Local 47: The Musicians Union of Los Angeles



Serving thousands of professional musicians, Local 47 is a labor union that promotes and protects the concerns of musicians in all areas of the music business. Located in Hollywood, we represent musicians working in the counties of Los Angeles (except Long Beach), San Bernardino, Riverside and Ventura. Affiliated with the American Federation of Musicians, we negotiate with employers to establish fair wages and working conditions for our members.

Benefits of Membership

Protections Afforded by AFM Contracts

Health & Welfare and Pension contributions paid by employer.

- Wage protection and contract enforcement when an employer fails to pay or defaults on an agreement.
- Established minimum wages and working conditions.
- Additional protections on the job.

Fund Payments to Musicians

- Sound Recording Special Payments Fund – provides money to musicians from employer payments made to the Fund based on sales of:
 - Sound Recordings
 - Music Videos
 - Concert DVDs
- AFM & SAG-AFTRA Intellectual Property Rights Distribution Fund – to instrumentalists and session singers from a wide variety of agreements including various U.S. Digital Performance statutes & foreign collectives.
- Film Musicians Secondary Markets Fund – money from obligated motion pictures & TV shows for secondary use of that product (e.g. when films are sold on DVD or broadcast on free TV).

Local 47 & AFM Resources

- Gig Junction Referral Service, free to members.
- Health Insurance at affordable group rates for all areas of coverage: medical, dental, vision, chiropractic.
- “All-Risk” Instrument Insurance to protect your instrument and equipment through the AFM.
- Local 47 rehearsal rooms as low as \$15 per session.
- Emergency assistance for traveling musicians.
- Studio 47, our state-of-the-art 32-track digital recording studio, does everything from tracking to CD mastering/duplication.
- Musicians’ Interguild Credit Union provides financial services for members at competitive rates.
- Free classes & seminars offered to members year-round.
- Youth membership offers a discounted fee for musicians under 21.
- ProMusic 47 Radio, our online radio station that plays all union music 24/7.
- Union member discounts from the AFL-CIO Union Privilege program offer special loan, mortgage, credit and legal services, and discounts on everyday purchases.
- Local 47 Member Directory, a convenient resource containing contact information for members listed by name and instrument.
- Local, National and International Agreements that cover:
 - Studio recording
 - Concerts
 - Stage shows
 - TV
 - Film
 - Video Games
 - Jingles
 - Symphony
 - Opera
 - Ballet

AFM Local 47 Members Include:

Herb Alpert	LA Opera
Alex Acuña	Tommy Lee
Dan Aykrord	Jennifer Leitham
Carla Azar	Jared Leto
Burt Bacharach	Nils Lofgren
Mike Barone	Kenny Loggins
Roy Bittan	Los Lobos
Hal Blaine	Steve Lukather
Jon Brion	Jeff Lynne
Bruce Broughton	Aimee Mann
Lindsey Buckingham	Maroon 5
T Bone Burnett	Bruno Mars
Kenny Burrell	The Mars Volta
Colbie Caillat	Garry Marshall
Glen Campbell	Steve Martin
Mike Campbell	John Mayer
Belinda Carlisle	John McVie
John Carpenter	Wendy Melvoin
Bill Conti	Joni Mitchell
Ry Cooder	Tom Morello
David Crosby	Alanis Morissette
Sheryl Crow	Mike Muir
Zoey Deschanel	Dermot Mulroney
Alexandre Desplat	Dave Navarro
Neil Diamond	Randy Newman
Jakob Dylan	Stevie Nicks
Sheila E.	Tom Petty
Clint Eastwood	Bonnie Raitt
Melissa Etheridge	Don Randi
Flea	Red Hot Chili Peppers
Mick Fleetwood	Trent Reznor
David Foster	Bobby Rodriguez
John Frusciante	Henry Rollins
Andy Garcia	Linda Ronstadt
Grant Gershon	Patrice Rushen
Michael Giacchino	Poncho Sánchez
Gordon Goodwin	Jason Schwartzman
Josh Groban	Lalo Schifrin
Dave Grohl	Alan Silvestri
Sammy Hagar	Frank Sinatra Jr.
Ben Harper	Slash
Oscar Hernández	Slayer
Susanna Hoffs	Bruce Springsteen
Hollywood Bowl Orchestra	Stephen Stills
James Newton Howard	Robin Thicke
Boney James	Steve Vai
Sir Elton John	Van Halen
Quincy Jones	John Williams
Laurence Juber	Bill Withers
Keb' Mo'	"Weird" Al Yankovic
Dave Koz	Neil Young
Lenny Kravitz	Dweezil Zappa
	Hans Zimmer