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Chicago AFTRA/SAG Wages & Working Conditions Meetings

When: Noon, Thursday, June 24
5 p.m., Thursday, July 8
Noon, Thursday, July 15
Noon, Thursday, July 22
5 p.m., Thursday, July 29

Where: Chicago AFTRA/SAG Boardroom
One East Erie, Suite 650
Chicago, IL 60611

Please RSVP by contacting Kathy Byrne at (312) 573-8081 or by e-mail at kbyrne@aftra.com.

15th Annual Joint AFTRA/SAG Membership Meeting Monday June 28, 2010

Renaissance of Film and TV in Chicago

Hear from Industry Insiders!

Opportunities for Actors: What it means for you.

5:30 p.m. **Social Hour**

Meet Chicago's new Executive Director **Eric Chaudron** and new Director of Television and Theatrical Contracts **Kathy Byrne**

6:30 p.m. **Renaissance of Film and Television in Chicago**

Betsy Steinberg - Managing Director, Illinois Film Office

Richard Moskal - Director, Chicago Film Office

Dan Moore - Midwestern Executive Director, Directors Guild of America

Sally Fletcher - Fletcher Camera and IL Production Alliance

and other special guests.

Business Meeting

SAG: Select members-at-large to serve on the Nominating and Election Procedures committees. **AFTRA:** Vote on the ratification of a one-year extension to the AFTRA Network Television Code (more information about the Netcode extension will be available shortly); select members-at-large to serve on the Nominating Committee.

*The membership meeting is only open to paid-up AFTRA or SAG members in good standing. Unfortunately, no guests allowed. Parents/guardians of younger performers under 18 years old are welcome. No RSVP necessary. **PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR ADMITTANCE.***

Allerton Hotel, Buckingham Room

701 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Corner of Michigan & Huron

Attention All Chicago AFTRA/SAG Members

Chicago AFTRA/SAG will be conducting **Joint Wages & Working Conditions** meetings in preparation for the AFTRA Exhibit A and SAG TV/Theatrical Contract negotiations. For details on W&W 2010, please visit either the AFTRA website at AFTRA.com or the Screen Actors Guild website at SAG.org.

Proposals for this important negotiation are developed through the involvement of members like you. Make your voice heard, attend and participate in this very important process. Meetings are open to all paid-up AFTRA and SAG members.

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Email Suggestions: Can't make it to the committee meeting? You can still play an active part by e-mailing your ideas to kbyrne@aftra.com. Recommendations must be received by August 6, 2010.

All proposal recommendations will be reviewed by the Joint Wages & Working Conditions Committee.

A few spaces remain. Please register today!

**The KMRC and Conservatory Present:
Voice & Text Workshop for Professional Actors with Gigi Buffington**

This event presents an approach to classical text work that is visceral, instinctive, creative and playful. Actors will experience an approach to voice and speech work useful for all forms of text. Exploring the relationship of sound-equals-sense as a jumping-off point, actors will experience a visceral connection to Shakespeare's texts. The result is ownership and embodiment of complex language that is organic and dynamic. Participants will also learn how to perform a complete vocal warm-up.

**Monday, June 21
5:30 p.m. Social time**

6 - 9 p.m. Workshop

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Please wear loose clothing. Bring a yoga mat if possible, but it isn't essential.

Gigi Buffington--AEA, SAG, AFTRA and VASTA member--is a voice and text coach, voice over artist and performer currently based in Chicago. She coached the 2008 season of the Royal Shakespeare Company's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hamlet (with David Tennant and Patrick Stewart), and Love's Labour's Lost (with David Tennant), and teaches Advanced Voice Training and Acting III/Shakespeare at Columbia College Chicago.

Space is limited to 16 participants. Please, DO NOT register if you aren't sure you can make it. If you do register and then need to cancel, please call the AFTRA/SAG office ASAP, so we can fill the spot from the waiting list. No-shows will rob other AFTRA and SAG members of this special opportunity. We want 16 members to benefit from this training!

To register, please email lwagner@aftra.com and include your name and membership number, or call the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081.

Work the perk! All AFTRA/SAG Conservatory and KMRC programming is a benefit of your union membership and offered to all AFTRA and SAG members in good standing. Please bring your paid-up membership card.

Networking Night at the KMRC Getting Cast with Casting Networks Special Guest: Kristen Nowick

Kristen Nowick, Midwest client relations director for Casting Networks, will share the ins and outs of casting and focus on online casting services. Along with five years of experience as a casting assistant in Los Angeles, Nowick has worked as a camera operator and everything in between, including casting her own pilot.

SAG members are familiar with iActor, the Guild's free, online casting service. Although Casting Networks isn't free, it is another option offering actors and their reps helpful tools for online casting.

Thursday, June 24

5:30 Social

6 - 8 p.m. Workshop

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KMRC Committee Meeting

Noon, Wednesday June 23

Do you want to have a role in guaranteeing that the KMRC continues to be a valuable resource for Chicago's AFTRA and SAG members? Put your ideas and energy to work. Join the Kaufherr

Members Resource Center Committee.

Your input is important to the KMRC and the many members who use it. Whatever your skills or areas of interest, your help is needed. Think about how you can help. There is always much work to do. To join the committee or to **RSVP for the June 23 meeting**, call the AFTRA/SAG office at (312) 573-8081.

TONIGHT!

Hope for Haiti Concert
7 p.m. Thursday, June 17
The Wilmette Theater
1122 Central Ave., Wilmette

The lineup includes singer-songwriters Wendy Morgan and Stephanie Rogers and special guests Marjie Killeen, RIVKA, members of the AFTRA/SAG Chicago Singers Committee Greta Pope, Joe Wright, Barbara Martin, Paul Zimmerman, and more to perform Butch Stuart's One Voice.

The evening is a musical celebration to support the women of Haiti, raising money for [JASS \(Just Associates\)](#). Along with great music there will be a raffle and giveaways throughout the night including: CDs, Shure headphones, spa services, tickets to shows, music/voice lessons, T-shirts, gift certificates and more.

Tickets are \$20, available only at the door--no advance ticket sales. For more information, call the Wilmette Theater at (847) 251-7424.

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PLEASE DO NOT CALL (800) 264-9416 or share any confidential personal or financial information with anyone at that number. If you have already done so, contact the credit union's Member Service Center at (800) 826-6946 immediately.

There is NO reason to believe that your personal confidential and financial information has been compromised unless you have specifically called the fraudulent 800 number and shared your information with them; if you have done so, please telephone us immediately. If you believe that you have been a victim of identity theft, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission at (877) 383-4357 and file a complaint with that agency.

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