

SAG-AFTRA is the most distinguished performers' union in the world and represents approximately 160,000 actors, announcers, broadcast journalists, dancers, DJs, news writers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers, recording artists, singers, stunt performers, voiceover artists and other media professionals. SAG-AFTRA members are the faces and voices that entertain and inform America and the world. With national offices in Los Angeles and New York, and local offices nationwide, SAG-AFTRA members work together to secure the strongest protections for media artists into the 21st century and beyond. Visit SAG-AFTRA online at SAGAFTRA.org.

WHY JOIN SAG-AFTRA?

Perhaps a better question would be: Is your acting a hobby or a career? Actors understand that their skills and brand have value. Performers understand the importance of on-time and accurate pay, good wages, safe working conditions, image and talent protection, and contributions to pension, health and retirement plans. That's just good business. Most importantly, professional performers understand that without each other, they are left standing alone.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SAG-AFTRA?

SAG-AFTRA is the voice of the performer including:

- Access to current production, agent and casting director listings. SAG-AFTRA franchises and oversees agents to ensure adherence to standardized and professional conduct.
- Negotiated SAG-AFTRA contracts with minimum pay scales, pension/health/retirement contributions, protections for safe and secure working conditions. SAG-AFTRA fights for residuals and royalties when your work is reused.
- If any SAG-AFTRA contract claims are not met, SAG-AFTRA has the right to demand binding arbitration to enforce the collective bargaining agreement at no cost to you.
- Flexible and low-budget contracts covering work with emerging filmmakers through the student, short, ultra-low and new media contracts.
- Advocacy for members against discriminatory employment practices and commitment to working for increased employment opportunities for SAG-AFTRA's diverse membership. SAG-AFTRA strives to protect, strengthen and enforce the non-discrimination and equal employment provisions in all union contracts.
- Lobbying on local, state, and national issues that impact performers' lives including free speech, intellectual property rights including digital theft, media consolidation, runaway production, access to health care, pension protection, restrictive contracts, child performer protections and artists' rights.