



RICHMOND MUSICIANS' ASSOCIATION



Local 123, AFM

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September 2020 Newsletter

See the near end of this newsletter about 2020 Dues Notice

Your membership dues are due in January

—Important—

Please note that Executive Board Elections of Officers is coming up.

All offices are up for re-election: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the five board members-at-large positions.

Nominations Meeting is October 15th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Meetings will be determined as virtual or in-person at a later date—from a decision from the IEB.

Requests for the Absentee ballots must be made in writings by October 18th to the RMA Office.

The Elections are scheduled for November 12th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Please note that the polls will be open from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Even though we have all been impacted by this unanticipated virus, we want you to know that your local and Federal union has been active in seeking help for its membership. Who would have thought that so much of our livelihood would come to a screeching halt and last for months.

We have had several side letters to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that were voted on. They were agreed upon unanimously or nearly unanimously by those that were part of the CBA.

The Federal Musicians union has also been working on bringing the Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) into better alignment with online live performances. The JVA protects signatories from unauthorized use of creative content in the future.

Some of what your union is working on for your benefit:

- **Extend the “CARES” Act’s unemployment insurance** provisions for as long as the health crisis persists.
#SaveThe600
- **Preserve workers’ healthcare** and ensure that no-one loses their benefits by passing a 100 percent COBRA premium subsidy to keep families insured on their job-based healthcare plan and extend eligibility to 36 months.
- **Ensure the safety of entertainment workers** as states allow workplaces to re-open by ordering OSHA to issue an Emergency Temporary Standard that establishes an employer’s responsibility to protect workers from infection. Under current standards no such obligation exists which leaves the door open and put workers and their families at risk.
- **Protect the healthy pension plans and earned pension checks** of entertainment workers by allowing multi-employer plans to implement policies that safeguarded pensions after the Great Recession, such as freezing zone status, smoothing investment losses, and doing no harm to healthy pension plans.
- **Provide direct economic support for organizations in the arts, entertainment, and media industries** with appropriate workforce restoration requirements to get people back to work when it is safe to do so.
- **Update the Qualified Performing Artist tax deduction**, allowing creative professionals to keep more of our hard-earned money by deducting necessary business expenses from their taxes, now due in July.
- Make sure workers in all states have access to COVID-19 relief by demanding that states ramp up and **improve their unemployment claim processing**.

We are working on updating our website. We are looking for new photographs that we can put up in a variety of pages. If you have some of your group performing or posing, we want to add that onto the website. Send your digital file to David (secretary@afm123.org).

New Members to Local 123

Name	Address	Phone and Email	Instruments
Burrs, Morgan	10250 Epsilon Road Richmond, VA 23235	Cell: (804) 317-7748 Email: burrsml@gmail.com	Guitar Piano, Acoustic
Harris, Devone	3100 Lalonde Drive Chester, VA 23831	Home: 804-691-7607 Cell: 804-691-7607 Email: djharrisonrva@gmail.com	Keyboards Drums Bass, Acoustic
Taylor, Clarence F	11720 Bollingbrook Drive Richmond, VA 23236	Home: 804-378-4455 Work: 804-284-5899 Cell: 434-414-4362	Synthesizer Piano Trumpet Vocalist
Peckham, Renee	100 Creekview Ct. Lynchburg, VA 24502	Home: 434-851-1300 Email: reneeruthmusic@gmail.com	Voice Piano, Acoustic Guitar
Tenney, Marcus	3205 Garrett St Richmond, VA 23221	Home: 804-502-4019 Email: marcustenney@gmail.com	Vocalist Trumpet Saxophone Bass, Electric Drum Set

We have Several ways for you to submit your dues payments, Strike Fund and any other payment that you need to the local office.

1. You may mail a check to the local office using the address at the top of this newsletter.
2. You may make an online payment through AFM.org. they will assess an additional 6% charge to process from your credit card
3. You may use PayPal.com. If you have an account, transfer money via "Friends and Family" to secretary@afm123.org.
4. If you don't have a PayPal account, you can still connect by going to this address: www.PayPal.me/afm123. You will need to pay the additional service charges that PayPal will assess. They will take 3% plus 30¢ for each transaction. (If you are paying two items at the same time (such as a dues and strike fund payment), the 30 cents only need to be paid once.)

Here are some sample payment calculations:

Regular membership	by check	PayPal Fee (plus 3%)	PayPal Transaction Fee (plus .30)	PayPal Total
Full Year	\$136.50	\$4.10	\$0.30	\$140.90
Half Year	\$68.25	\$2.05	\$0.30	\$70.60
Life member				
Full Year	\$87.75	\$2.63	\$0.30	\$90.68
Half Year	\$43.88	\$1.32	\$0.30	\$45.50
RSO Strike Fund	\$37.50	\$1.13	\$0.30	\$38.93

Notice of 2021 Dues

Regular Members—Year in Full: \$136.50
1st Half 2021: \$68.25
Due by January 31, 2021
Late Fee: \$5.00 per month after Jan 31st

Life Members—Year in Full: \$87.75
1st Half of 2021: \$43.88
Due by January 31, 2021
Late Fee: \$5.00 per month after Jan 31st

Please notify the office of your email address as we have had requests to send our newsletter by email rather than postal service. It will save us much in postal fees. You can also state your preference about how you want to receive any newsletter, it can be sent either way.

Also, please report any change in the names, address, phone numbers of the beneficiary information that we have on file for you. You can request a new card to notify of a change in your beneficiary information if you think your situation requires it. Contact the office by email (secretary@afm123.org) or phone (804-355-6556) to check on things if you are not sure. Even some on the Executive Board recently found that they needed to change their beneficiary info.

Know that when you neglect to pay your dues and yet expect to keep your membership with the Local, we still have to pay the National AFM office the per capita dues on your behalf. If you are a regular member, \$66.00 of your annual dues is sent to the National office divided into four payments paid quarterly. If you are a lifetime member, \$50 is sent to the NYC office paid in four quarterly payments.

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