



# Artists from Abroad

Complete guide to immigration  
and tax requirements

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## Labor Consultation Contact List

**USCIS provides this list of consultation groups that provide labor and peer letters, but note that it may or may not be up to date.**

**For concert and solo singers, solo instrumentalists (only in the event that less than 50% of a group comprises instrumentalists), dancers, choreographers, stage and assistant stage managers, stage and assistant stage directors, and narrators in concert, recital, oratorio, opera and dance:**

The American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA)

1430 Broadway, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10018

Tel: 212-265-3687 Fax: 212-262-9088 Email: [AGMA@MusicalArtists.org](mailto:AGMA@MusicalArtists.org)

Web: <http://www.musicalartists.org>

Contact: Deirdre Dresch, Manager for Visas or Alan Gordon, National Executive Director  
**(\$300.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION, EXCEPT FOR AGMA SIGNATORIES)**

Note: For an expedited response, the consultation fee is \$500.00 per petition.

**For all instrumental musicians, conductors, and composers:**

American Federation of Musicians (AFM)

1501 Broadway, Ninth Floor

New York, NY 10036

Tel: 212-869-1330 Fax: 212-764-6134

Web: <http://www.afm.org/what-we-are-doing/travel-resources/need-a-visa/>

Contact: Liz Blake, [lblake@afm.org](mailto:lblake@afm.org)

**Note: AFM requires a special form for P-1B/P-3 petitions**

**(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION)**

Note: For a response within 48 hours, the expedited fee is \$350.00 per petition.

**\*\*AFM recently moved from the 6th floor to the 9th floor – all other info remains the same**

**For other performers and stage managers in live format presentations:**

Actors' Equity Association (AEA)

165 West 46th Street

New York, NY 10036

Tel: 212-869-8530 Fax: 212-719-9815

Web: <http://www.actorsequity.org>

Contact: 212-869-8530, Ext. 434, [immigration@actorsequity.org](mailto:immigration@actorsequity.org)

**Notes: No service fee charged. Requests can be accepted through email.**

**Please submit a duplicate of form I-129 and all supporting documentation.**

**For other stage directors and choreographers in live format presentations:**

Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC)  
321 West 44th Street, Suite 804  
New York, NY 10036  
Tel: 800-541-5204 Fax: 212-302-6195  
Email: [Membership@SDCweb.org](mailto:Membership@SDCweb.org)  
Web: <http://www.sdcweb.org/>  
**(\$500.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION FOR NONMEMBERS/\$1000  
EXPEDITED. See website for additional information)**

**For all technical and craft personnel:**

Int'l Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE)  
207 West 25th Street, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
Tel: 212-730-1770 Fax: 212-730-7809  
Web: <http://www.iatse.net>  
**(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION) Note: IATSE has implemented an expedite  
program under which, for a \$450 fee, it will process O/P consultation requests within  
approximately 48 hours. Otherwise, for the standard \$250 fee, there is a 5-7 day  
turnaround.**

United Scenic Artists (USA)  
29 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
Tel: 212-581-0300 Fax: 212-977-2011  
Web: <http://www.usa829.org>  
Contact: Michael McBride, National Business Agent, [mcb@usa829.org](mailto:mcb@usa829.org)

**For press agents and managers:**

Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers (ATPAM)  
62 W 45th Street, Suite 901  
New York, NY 10036  
Tel: 212-719-3666 Fax: 212-302-1585  
Web: <http://www.atpam.com>  
Contact: Thomas Walsh, Business Representative, [twalsh@atpam.com](mailto:twalsh@atpam.com)

**For television and radio broadcasting, sound recordings, and other recorded material:**

Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television & Radio Artists  
National Office - Los Angeles  
5757 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Fl.  
Los Angeles CA 90036  
Tel: 855-724-2387  
Web: [www.sagaftra.org](http://www.sagaftra.org)  
Contact: Steve Otroshkin, 323-549-6632; completed applications to [visa@sagaftra.org](mailto:visa@sagaftra.org)  
Visit: <http://www.sagaftra.org/union-info/o-1-visa-letters/o-1-and-p-visa-forms-and-letters>  
**(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION)**

Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers  
15301 Ventura Boulevard, Building E  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403  
Tel: 818-935-5938  
Web: [www.amptp.org](http://www.amptp.org)  
**(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION as of 3/23/2011)**

**Note: A letter of non-objection from both AFTRA and AMPTP is required. Contact AMPTP for their list of required documents.**

**For performers in nightclubs, burlesque and circuses:**

American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA)  
ATTN: Immigration Consultation.  
363 Seventh Avenue, 17<sup>TH</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
Tel: 212-675-1003  
Web: [www.agvausa.com](http://www.agvausa.com)  
Contact: Susanne Doris, National Executive Secretary, Ext.8  
**(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION)**

<b>Non-Labor Consultation Contact List</b>
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**For orchestras and classical musicians:**

League of American Orchestras  
1602 L Street, NW, Suite 611  
Washington, DC 20036  
Tel: 202-776-0215      Email: [advocacy@americanorchestras.org](mailto:advocacy@americanorchestras.org)  
Web: <http://www.americanorchestras.org/advocacy-government/visa-and-tax-for-foreign-guest-artists/requesting-a-visa-support-letter.html>  
**(Free for members; \$250 for non-members)**

**For performing artists and companies:**

Association of Performing Arts Professionals  
919 18th St. NW, Suite 650  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: 202-833-2787      Email: [visaletter@apap365.org](mailto:visaletter@apap365.org)  
(For emails, please put "Visa Consultation Letter" in the subject line.)  
Web: <https://www.apap365.org/Resources/International-Cultural-Exchange/Visa-Assistance>  
**(\$100 for members. Service available to APAP member only.)**

**For the field of dance:**

Dance/USA  
1029 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel: 202-833-1717 / Fax: 202-833-2686      Email: [advocacy@danceusa.org](mailto:advocacy@danceusa.org)  
Web: <http://danceusa.org/requestapeerconsultationletter>  
**(Free for members; \$150 for non-members)**

**For folk musicians and folk dancers showcasing at Folk Alliance International Conference:**

Folk Alliance International  
510 South Main Street  
Memphis, TN 38103  
Phone: 901-522-1170 / Fax: 901-522-1172  
Web: <http://www.folkalliance.org/membership/visa-services/>  
(\***ONLY PROVIDED FOR ARTISTS SHOWCASING AT FAI's CONFERENCE**)

**For opera singers and opera companies:**

OPERA America  
330 Seventh Avenue  
New York, NY 10001  
Fax: 212-796-8631      Email: [VisaLetters@operaamerica.org](mailto:VisaLetters@operaamerica.org)  
Web: <https://www.operaamerica.org/content/about/Artists/VisaLetters.aspx>  
(Free for members; \$250 for non-members)

**For professional theatre companies, actors, directors and designers:**

Theatre Communications Group  
520 Eighth Avenue, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10018-4156  
Tel: 212-609-5900 / Fax: 212-609-5901  
Email: [lbaskin@tcg.org](mailto:lbaskin@tcg.org)  
Web: <http://www.tcg.org>  
(Free for TCG members; \$250 for non-members based on sufficient evidence)

**For artists:**

Fractured Atlas  
248 W. 35th Street, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
Tel: 888-692-7878  
Fax: 212-277-8025  
Email: [support@fracturedatlas.org](mailto:support@fracturedatlas.org)  
Web: [http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/prodev/page/artist\\_visas](http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/prodev/page/artist_visas)  
(\$200)