



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, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10018
Tel: 212-265-3687 Fax: 212-262-9088 Email: AGMA@MusicalArtists.org
Web: <https://www.musicalartists.org/membership/visa-consultation/>
(\$350.00 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:

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

Please note that you may pay one fee for a combined O1/O2 consultation letter if you submit the materials in one petition package.

(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION: 5-10 business days)

Note: For a response within 2 business days, the expedited fee is \$350.00 per petition. For \$550, a super-expedited service is available: if AFM receives a consultation letter request by 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on a business day, a consultation letter will be ready by 5 p.m. the same day. If AFM receives a consultation letter request after 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on a business day, a consultation letter will be ready by 1:00 p.m. on the next business day.

****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

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

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

No charge for Members in good standing, standard service. (Turnaround time within two weeks of SDC's receipt of all required materials.) \$250 for Members, expedited service. (Turnaround time within three to five business days of SDC's receipt of all required materials.) \$500 for non-Members, standard service. \$1,000 for non-Members, expedited service. 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. 38th Street, 15th 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

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

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

Contact: Steve Otroshkin, 323-549-6632; completed applications to 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

(\$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, 17TH Floor

New York, NY 10001

Tel: 212-675-1003

Web: www.agvausa.com

Contact: Susanne Doris, National Executive Secretary, Ext.8

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Non-Labor Consultation Contact List
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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

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

(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
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
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, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10018-4156
Tel: 212-609-5900 / Fax: 212-609-5901
Email: 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
Web: http://www.fracturedatlas.org/site/prodev/page/artist_visas
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