



Artists from Abroad

Complete guide to immigration
and tax requirements

www.artistsfromabroad.org

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

Contact: Deirdre Dresch, Manager for Visas, 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

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

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/>
**(\$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. 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
(\$250.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION)

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
(\$200)