



# Artists from Abroad

Complete guide to immigration  
and tax requirements

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## Labor Consultation Contact List

**USCIS provides this list of groups that provide labor and peer letters, but note that it may or may not be up to date. In all instances, whether navigating through USCIS or this list below, be sure to double-check with the specific union or peer organization for the updated procedures and fees before submitting a request for a consultation.**

**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: <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](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/>  
**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: <https://iatse.net/about/visas/>  
**(\$300.00 SERVICE CHARGE PER PETITION) Note: IATSE has implemented an expedite program under which, for a \$500 fee, it will process O/P consultation requests within 3 business days. Otherwise, for the standard \$250 fee, there is 7 business 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)**