

ABOUT LOCAL 802

The New York City musicians' union (AFM Local 802) represents the city's top professionals, including the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, New York City Ballet Orchestra, Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, all of Broadway, and thousands of freelancers in NYC and beyond.

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POWER YOUR CAREER WITH UNION MEMBERSHIP

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YOU DESERVE THE POWER OF A UNION

The union movement empowers people to work together for justice, equality, diversity and human rights. As a union musician, you get the resources to demand the pay, benefits, job security and respect that you deserve. This is much easier with the power of a union than if you try to negotiate separately on your own.

THE STRENGTH OF A UNION GIG

When you play a union gig, your benefits can include fair wages, paid rehearsals, paid soundchecks, premiums for doubling & cartage, health & pension contributions, job security, protection against unfair treatment, congestion toll reimbursement, and much more. And if you aren't paid correctly or aren't treated respectfully, you can get free representation from professional union representatives, including legal counsel.

Plus, if you ever get called for a low-paying non-union gig, we can help you turn it into a union gig. That's what union organizing is all about.



*STUDENTS PAY NO INITIATION FEE!



MORE BENEFITS OF LOCAL 802 MEMBERSHIP

- Access to our national union's referral and booking service for gigs around the entire country
- Best and cheapest rehearsal space in NYC
- Free mental health counseling
- Anti-bullying and anti-harassment app and hotline
- Access to emergency grants
- Credit union
- Resources on traveling with your instrument on airplanes
- See complete list and links at www.local802afm.org/benefits

HOW DO YOU GET TO CARNEGIE HALL? NETWORK!

Your union colleagues are the best in the world, including the musicians of the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, NYC Ballet, all of Broadway, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and many other professional ensembles in NYC and beyond. Union membership is your ticket to networking with your fellow musicians, who are the gateway to your professional career.