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# Why We Belong

**A Message From Our Members**

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## **Union Membership - What are the Benefits of Union Membership?**

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“Membership has its privileges.” This is certainly true for members of the Musicians Union. While the primary benefit of union membership is having effective representation in the workplace, there are numerous other fringe benefits that member musicians enjoy. Here are just a few of them:

**Insurance.** The Union offers affordable instrument insurance and *free* life insurance benefits.

**Musicians Federal Credit Union.** Our credit union provides high yields on savings and great rates on many types of consumer loans, with approved credit.

**Booking/Job Referral.** The Union’s booking agency, *AFM Entertainment*, can help your band or ensemble get great gigs that expose and reward your talent.

**The Dallas-Fort Worth Musician.** The quarterly newsletter of Local 72-147 keeps members informed of meetings, auditions, concerted activities, and the status of negotiations and labor disputes.

**The International Musician.** The monthly publication of The American Federation of Musicians contains articles of interest on issues relating to career development, musicians’ health, legislative developments affecting our industry, and other topics, as well as announcements of international auditions.

**Membership Directory.** Our online membership directory is available only to members of the Union.

**Networking.** Get your own webpage at [www.musiciansdfw.org](http://www.musiciansdfw.org) and become known as one of the finest musicians in the world!

**Input on Issues Affecting Your Professional Life.** Only Union members may serve on committees or vote on local wage scales and collective bargaining agreements.

**Legal Services.** The Musicians’ Union has access to local attorneys who can help you if you have a dispute with an employer.

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You will discover more advantages once you become a member of the Union. This is a community that can help you get your career on track. We have the resources and the connections you need in the music business. In addition, our membership includes other professional contacts, from health care providers to financial advisors, attorneys, realtors, and educators, who may be able to assist you in other ways.

Our mission is to improve musicians' lives. We are accomplishing that day by day through organizing, communicating, prioritizing, planning, and action. To top that off, we offer many "extras" that can make your life a little bit easier.

Our members are themselves the most important resource we have with which to improve the lives of professional musicians. Every new member adds to the existing wealth of knowledge and personal experience that can be tapped when we are faced with a challenge.

Joining the Union will not only help you, but will also help us fulfill our basic mission. Join today. There's never been a better time!

**We  
Represent  
The  
Finest  
Musicians  
In  
The  
World  
Join Today!**

**Membership Drive  
Special**

**NOW EXTENDED  
THROUGH DECEMBER  
2006!**

**JOIN IN DECEMBER  
FOR ONLY \$125.00  
Includes dues and fees to 2008!  
Save \$175!**

**For a limited time, the Dallas-Fort Worth Professional Musicians Association, Local 72-147 of the American Federation of Musicians - the largest entertainment Union in the Southwest - has waived local and national initiation fees. Musicians can join for only \$125.00, and remain in good standing through January 1, 2008 - a savings of \$165!**

**HURRY!  
THIS SPECIAL WILL  
EXPIRE SOON AND  
WILL NOT BE  
EXTENDED!**

**Join us for online booking and referral and a long list of other important benefits only possible from the AFM. We're musicians working for musicians ...100,000 strong ... in tune with all facets of the music industry. Call the Union office - (M) 817-469-6040 (toll free in TX and OK - 1-800-635-0072) to request your special membership application, or go to [www.musiciansdfw.org](http://www.musiciansdfw.org), and click - "How to Join". Material will be sent to you immediately. You can even download the online forms, and pay online by credit card.**

***OUR WORK HAS WORKED  
FOR MORE THAN  
100 YEARS.  
WE'LL MAKE IT WORK FOR  
YOU, TOO.***