

RE: SUPPORTING THE SAG-AFTRA ORGANIZING EFFORTS OF BROADCASTERS AT WHYY PHILADELPHIA USA

The International Federation of Actors represents performers' trade unions, guilds, and professional associations in about 70 countries. In a connected world of content and entertainment, it stands for fair social, economic, and moral rights for performers working in all recorded media and live theatre.

In an effort to secure fair treatment and a meaningful role in directing the future of their workplace, the content creators employed by public radio station WHYY in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, have decided to be represented by SAG-AFTRA, a longstanding FIA affiliate. These approximately 100 individuals are standing up for the right to collectively bargain and to be acknowledged by their employer as having a real stake in the success and direction of WHYY, as reflected in @WHYYUnion and their twitter campaign #WeMakeWHYY.

On behalf of the Federation's global membership, the Executive Committee of FIA, meeting in Vancouver, Canada on October 1 and 2, 2019, conveys and expresses its full support to the content creators of WHYY and SAG-AFTRA in their campaign for recognition by management at the station, and for the right to collectively bargain for fair and equitable wages, working conditions, and the right to participate in the future of their workplace.

Vancouver, October 2, 2019