



Musicians Hall Policy-2013

Effective April 1, 2013, there are new policies governing the use of the Rehearsal Hall. These policies were presented to the membership in the March 2013 Fanfare and discussed at the April General Meeting. The Executive Board, with no objections from the members in attendance, voted in favor of the new policies. They are:

1. As a privilege of membership, members in *good standing* of Local 99, as well as members of the AFM, may reserve and use the rehearsal hall at no cost on a first-come, first-serve basis, 12 times per year, per member during prime use hours (when the office is closed). Use is unlimited during office hours, subject to the first-come, first-serve limitation.
2. Only a member of Local 99 or a member of the AFM may reserve the hall. He/She must be present during the usage, and is responsible for cleanup and security (building locked up at end of usage).
3. In the case of a mixed group using the rehearsal hall (union and non-union), a rental rate of \$20 per hour for up to 7 users, \$25 per hour for 8-15 users, and \$30 per hour for 16 or more, will be charged, prorated to correspond to the ratio of members to nonmembers, e.g., if 1/3 of the group are non-members, the rental rate will be 1/3 of the total cost based on the appropriate per hour rate (In the case of a member teaching a class of students, the students will not be considered non-members for the purposes of rental charges. Other arrangements may be made).
4. When the member reserves the hall, they will provide a list of the musicians that will be rehearsing and credit card payment for the usage by the non-member musicians. We will not process the credit card payment until after the date of the usage (in case of cancellation).
5. If a member who reserves the hall for a rehearsal fails to pay the pro-rata rental rate described above (if applicable), or misrepresents to the union office who among his or her group are union members, that member shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Board. If, after affording the member due process, the Executive Board determines that it is warranted, the Board shall be authorized to impose a fine and/or suspend the member's right to use the hall.

It is the belief of the Executive Board that all who use Local 99 facilities, and benefit from that usage, should share in the cost of maintenance and overhead. We encourage you to have your non-union band members join the Local so that these costs are fairly distributed. Please remember that if your band is brought up to 100% union membership, the \$85 initiation fee is waived for all new members.

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