



IATSE LOCAL 891

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada • British Columbia and the Yukon

A Message from outgoing 891 Business Representative Phil Klapwyk

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Dear Members,

On the eve of my departure from the role of Business Representative for IATSE 891, I am reflecting on how almost seven years have passed in what feels like a heartbeat.

It has been my honour to serve the members of IATSE 891 as your representative since January 2016. From negotiating your contracts, to marketing your talents to producers, to advocating on your behalf with all levels of government, I am extremely proud of the work that my office has been able to accomplish. Now, the reputation of IATSE 891 artists and technicians as talented, professional workers and creatives always precedes me in my conversations with industry or government officials. This is a time for great optimism about the future of our industry and work in BC.

It has been a great pleasure to work with many different members throughout the years, including those who have served in various leadership roles whether on the Executive Board, Executive Committee or as Senior Steward. At times, our conversations have been challenging, as the work has been complicated, but throughout my time in office I have seen over and over a dedication to the best interest of the membership from those volunteering their service. This dedication to your fellow workers keeps this Union strong.

I've also been exceptionally fortunate to have worked with many dedicated staff members over the years. The staff at the Union Hall work hard to serve this community every single day. I have witnessed firsthand many of my co-workers at the Hall going above and beyond to help members and ensure this community is supported. I am confident that I leave you in good hands and wish my successor all the best.

This past weekend, I celebrated Thanksgiving, surrounded by friends and family. Reflecting on the things in my life to be grateful for, I had to acknowledge this incredible community of motion picture workers at IATSE 891. Thank you to the members who trusted me with their representation. I wish you all the best in the years ahead.

In Solidarity,

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