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Press Release

UNI-MEI Calls for Support of Blue Man Group Boycott in Canada

UNI-MEI, which represents theatre technicians and other staff around the world, expresses its total support for the boycott called by technical and talent unions in Toronto, for a boycott of Blue Man Group in Canada until such time as they meet with and work out arrangements to guarantee that they will abide by professional area labour standards. We particularly condemn Blue Man Group for its refusal to accept long standing relations with the unions and the provisions generally followed in the Toronto area. This is an affront to all who work in the sector.

Locals 58 and 822 of IATSE, which is affiliated to UNI-MEI at the world level, the local Canadian Actors' Equity Association, and the Toronto Musicians' Association are seeking to meet with Blue Man Group. We urge any technicians, craftspeople or staff who are in categories covered by UNI-MEI to have nothing to do with this controversial group until its labour situation is regularised. We declared our solidarity with the local Canadian craftspeople, actors and musicians until such time as Blue Man Group reaches agreements with them.