

Resolution N°. 2

July 26, 2023

Subject: *Resolution Condemning the Use of Artificial Intelligence to Replace Artists and Musicians*

AI Resolution

Whereas, In recent years, the use of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) and computer-generated creative material has threatened the livelihoods of musicians, artists and creators; and

Whereas, Electronic Replacement Technologies and Software, such as KeyComp, diminish the experience of live music; and

Whereas, Musicians who are members of orchestras that belong to the Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”) increasingly face the threat of replacement from such technologies; and

Whereas, The delegates to the 102nd Convention of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”) passed Resolutions 2 and 4, put forth by ROPA’s player conference colleagues, the Theatre Musicians’ Association (“TMA”), in opposition to the use of such replacement technologies and establishing a Fund to combat their use; and

Whereas, members of the Writers Guild of America (“WGA”) and the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (“SAG-AFTRA”) are currently on strike in opposition to the use of AI to replicate their creative work and reduce their pay and benefits; and

Whereas, ROPA stands with the members of the WGA and SAG-AFTRA¹ in solidarity as we all seek a common goal; therefore, be it

¹ See Resolution Number 1

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") strongly opposes the use of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") and Electronic Replacement Technologies in the performing arts; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA supports the work of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada ("AFM") to combat the use of these technologies by the producers of performing arts, including but not limited to the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers ("AMPTP"), and other producers of live music, film, television, theater, and streaming services; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA encourages its members to seek to bargain protections against the use of AI and Electronic Replacement Technologies in their workplaces.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board