

Resolution N°. 3

July 26, 2023

Subject: *Resolution in Support of the Fair Share for Musicians Campaign*

Fair Share for Musicians Resolution

Whereas, In recent years, the importance of gaining revenue from streaming products has become more and more important to artists and creators; and

Whereas, The American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”) has worked tirelessly and bargained fiercely in order to negotiate increased streaming revenue into AFM Media Agreements; and

Whereas, Many musicians, including musicians who are members of orchestras that belong to the Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”), rely on revenue from media projects, which is increasingly taking the form of streaming revenue, as a portion of their income; and

Whereas, This fall, the AFM will begin bargaining with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (“AMPTP”) over streaming revenues for musicians who play on Film and Television scores; and

Whereas, The wealthy executives of the AMPTP are the same Employers who are currently being struck by the Writers Guild of America (“WGA”) and the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (“SAG-AFTRA”), where streaming revenue is at issue; and

Whereas, ROPA stands with the members of the WGA and SAG-AFTRA¹ in solidarity as we all seek common goals; and

¹ See Resolution Number 1

Whereas, Rank and file members of the AFM have launched a campaign to bring awareness to the demands of musicians for fair pay for streaming, the “Fair Share for Musicians” Campaign;² therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”) wholeheartedly supports the Fair Share for Musicians Campaign; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA urges all delegates to sign the petition in support of the Fair Share for Musicians Campaign at <https://fairshareformusicians.org/petition/> and to encourage all of their colleagues in their home orchestras to do the same; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA pledges to spread the word about the Fair Share for Musicians Campaign through its website and social media channels and to take additional similar actions in solidarity with all American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”) members who work on media projects.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board

² <https://fairshareformusicians.org>