

Resolution N°. 10

July 29, 2026

Subject: *Protecting Human Artistry and Professional Musicians in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*

Artificial Intelligence Resolution

Whereas, The Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") exists to advocate for the artistic, economic, and professional interests of musicians employed by the regional orchestras in the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada ("AFM"); and

Whereas, Music is fundamentally a human art form rooted in creativity, collaboration, interpretation, communication, and shared lived experience, and the artistic connection between performers and audiences remains essential to the cultural vitality of our communities; and

Whereas, Professional orchestral musicians contribute irreplaceable artistry, judgment, expression, and collaboration that cannot be replicated through artificial intelligence or algorithmic generation; and

Whereas, Artificial intelligence ("AI") and generative AI technologies are rapidly transforming the music industry and increasingly rely upon existing recordings, performances, compositions, voices, likenesses, and other creative works created by human artists; and

Whereas, The unauthorized use of musicians' creative works to develop, train, or operate AI systems threatens musicians' intellectual property rights, artistic integrity, economic security, and professional livelihoods; and

Whereas, The AFM has identified protecting musicians from AI exploitation as a central priority in collective bargaining by advancing the principles of consent, credit, and compensation whenever musicians' work is used in connection with artificial intelligence technologies; and

Whereas, Recent collective bargaining agreements in the recording, film, and television industries have demonstrated that meaningful protections governing artificial intelligence - including transparency, informed consent, compensation, and protections against unauthorized future uses - can and should be negotiated on behalf of musicians; and

Whereas, Federal lawmakers, international policymakers, educators, students, and arts organizations continue to examine the ethical, legal, and economic implications of artificial intelligence, underscoring the urgent need to strengthen protections for musicians' intellectual property, artistic identity, and professional opportunities; and

Whereas, Responsible technological innovation should enhance artistic creation and expand opportunities for musicians without replacing professional artists or diminishing the value of human creativity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") affirms that human artistry, creativity, interpretation, and live musical performance are indispensable to the cultural life of our communities and remain the foundation upon which orchestral music is built; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA supports the rights of professional musicians to maintain control over the use of their recordings, performances, voices, likenesses, and other creative works, and affirms that the use of such works in connection with artificial intelligence ("AI") must be governed by the principles of informed consent, meaningful credit, fair compensation, and full transparency; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA stands in solidarity with the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (“AFM”), affiliated locals, allied labor organizations, and fellow arts advocates in supporting collective bargaining agreements, public policy initiatives, and legislation that protect musicians from the unauthorized use or exploitation of AI, safeguard intellectual property rights, and preserve sustainable careers for professional musicians; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA opposes the use of artificial intelligence in any manner that replaces, exploits, or diminishes professional musicians or undermines employment opportunities, collective bargaining rights, or intellectual property protections, and reaffirms that the enduring strength of orchestral music lies in the creativity, collaboration, and artistry of human musicians.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board