



## **LOS ANGELES MEMBERSHIP COMPANY RULE**

1. The Los Angeles Membership Company Rule is an internal union membership rule that permits AEA members who are also members of a Membership Company that existed on February 6, 2015 to continue to work without the benefit of a contract in that Membership Company's productions in theaters with 99 seats or fewer in Los Angeles County. This Rule shall only be applicable if all of the following apply:
2. A "Membership Company" shall be defined as an entity that is not organized to make a profit for the company or its members, and operates primarily for the mutual benefit of the members (actors, stage managers, designers and other theatre artists) for the purpose of regularly producing member productions over an extended period of time in venues of 99 seats or fewer. Members of Membership Companies formed after February 6, 2015 shall not qualify for this Rule; to qualify, the Membership Company must have been in existence as a "Membership Company" as of February 6, 2015.
3. If the Membership Company produces in a venue with more than 99-seats, or in a venue outside of Los Angeles County, this Rule shall not apply and members may not work without the benefit of an Equity contract.
4. Membership Companies shall provide notice on or before April 1, 2015 to Actors' Equity of the Equity members who are members of their company. The notice shall also identify any Equity member that is also a producer in the Membership Company. Members of AEA who are not members of a Membership Company, or who join a Membership Company after April 1, 2015, may not appear in a Membership Company's productions without the benefit of an Equity contract.
5. This Rule shall not apply to any Membership Company production in which the Membership Company partners or co-produces with any entity other than a Membership Company.
6. A house board, cast list or program lists each Equity member, with a credit that "This production is presented under the auspices of the Actors' Equity Los Angeles Membership Company Rule."
7. In the event that the Membership Company wishes to capture the production, a majority of Equity members in a production vote to permit filming or taping under the following conditions: no more than a portion of any scene or musical number may be filmed or taped; no more than one-half hour of total raw footage from the production may be used; no more than three minutes of any rehearsal or performance may be shown on television or used in a community affairs broadcast; and Equity members must be given at least twenty-four hours advance notice of any filming or taping. If a majority of the Equity members do not approve filming or taping and the production still films or tapes, or if the filming or taping exceeds the parameters of this paragraph 7, this Rule shall not apply.