LOCAL 400

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Membership Meeting – Thank You!

Thank you very much to those who attended our membership meeting on May 18. The Local 400 Executive Board truly appreciates your participation in our Local's governance. We will let you know via newsletter and email when our next membership meeting has been scheduled.

Member Updates – April 2026

At the end of April, Local 400 reported **505 members**: 393 Regular, 110 Life, and 1 Youth. Below is the activity for the month of April.

New Members

Sara Della Posta - French Horn (4/3)
Michael Baker - Trumpet (4/9)
April Vester - Bassoon (4/12)
Kathryn Hillstrom - Trumpet (4/17)
Caroline Smoak - Violin (4/18)
Toby Winarto - Viola, Violin (4/22)
LeAndra Grund - Harp (4/24)
Alex Zhou - Violin (4/24)
Adam Agonoy - French Horn, Trumpet (4/26)

Reinstated Members

Patrick Smith - 4/6
Joshua Michal - 4/7
Weiting Sun - 4/8
Luigi Polcari - 4/8
Connor Rowe - 4/11
Torrin Hallett - 4/24
Shaolan Liou - 4/28

Resigned Members

None for April

Life Member Attainment

Congratulations to our members who have attained Life member status during April:

Jeffrey Taylor (4/27)

In Memorium

Local 400 recently learned of the passing of the following members. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of these members and reflect on the musical contributions their careers made. Click the hyperlinks to read the obituaries.

Conrad Gozzo (10/19/25)
Elinor Sills (3/31/26)

Special notes: Conrad was one of our most senior active Life members at his passing at age 94, with 79 years of AFM membership. Elinor Sills was our oldest living Life member at her passing at age 101, with 73 years of AFM membership.

Dues Notice - 2nd Half 2026

Approximately 20% of Local 400's active members are on the semi-annual dues billing schedule. These approximately 100 members' dues will expire on June 30. Please watch your U.S. Mail in early June for your dues invoice for the second half of the year. You will have the option of renewing your membership through the end of 2026 or through June 2027 (or later, if you so desire). The invoice will include all the important payment deadline dates.

IMPORTANT: If you wish to resign in good standing from Local 400, you must submit a letter (email is acceptable) indicating your intent to do so. Your resignation letter must be received by the deadline date listed on the dues invoice; otherwise, a financial penalty will be charged. *Please do not allow yourself to become suspended or subsequently expelled by failing to resign in good standing by the*

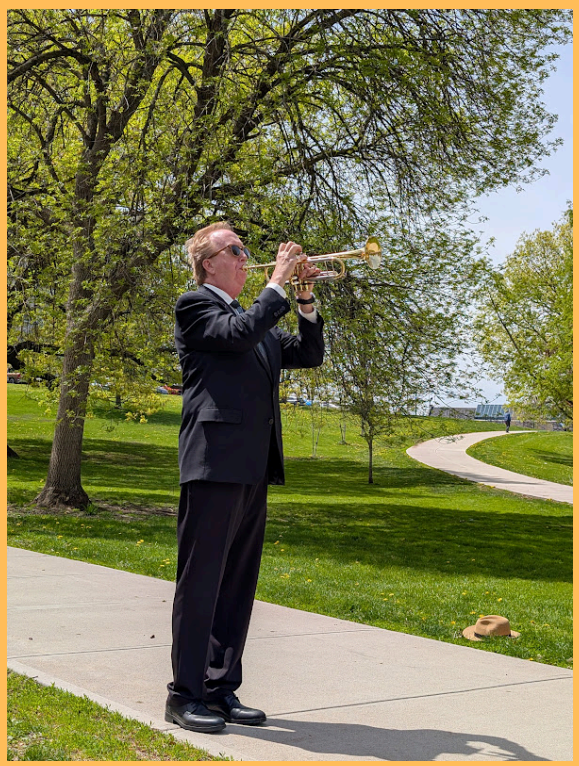
deadline date. Suspension or expulsion will prevent you from joining any other Local in the United States or Canada. *Resignation in Good Standing is especially important for our members who play in orchestras with Collective Bargaining Agreements.*

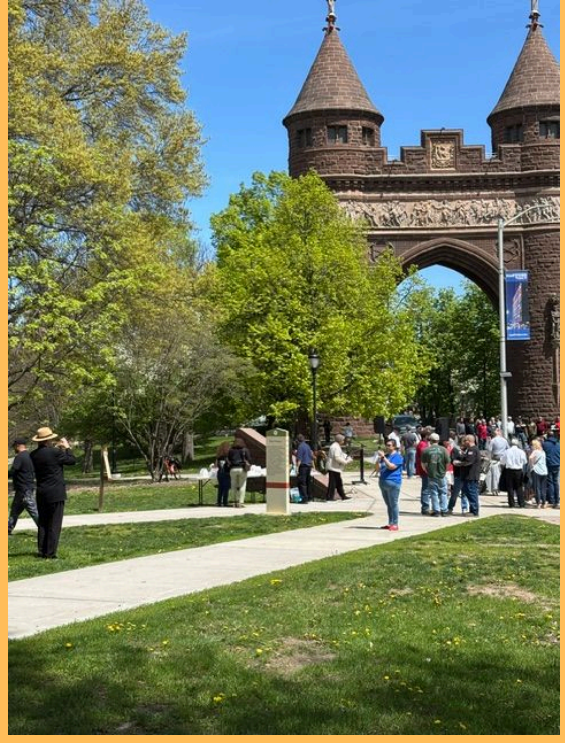
Local 400 Participates in Annual Workers' Memorial Service

The Connecticut AFL-CIO held its annual Workers' Memorial service on April 28 in Bushnell Park in Hartford. The yearly service honors workers killed or injured on the job and renews the fight for workplace safety**.** This year's event featured labor leaders, officials, and a reading of names. Local 400's very own John Charles Thomas played before and during the service. See the images below.



Photo #1: AFL-CIO Secy-Treas Shellye Davis addresses the crowd. And yes, that's Governor Lamont on the right.





Photos #2 and #3: Local 400 trumpeter, John Charles Thomas, plays at the event.

Business Agents Update

Local 400 received applications from 3 members in good standing for the position of Business Agent to serve from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The Local intended to hire up to 3 Business Agents. The Executive Board voted, at its May 15, 2026 meeting, to extend offers to all three individuals. Offers are currently being extended, and details will be announced in a future issue of *The Score.*

How to Apply for MPTF Funding

In order to apply for MPTF funding, you should first approach venues for whom you would like to perform. These may include libraries, schools, nursing and assisted living facilities, senior centers, as well as town park and recreation facilities. Performances must be free and open to the public. In most cases, these venues function as the cosponsors, who must sign the MPTF agreement form agreeing to pay the musicians, and also provide their organization's Form W-9, both of which must be attached to the online application form submitted to MPTF by Local 400. The agreement form is posted on our website in the password-protected Members' Area (Important Documents section). The phone number and email address of the co-sponsor representative must also be supplied. Applications should be submitted no later than one month prior to the performance, which means all forms and information must be supplied well in advance in order to allow time for submission. Public Service scale is $115 for side musicians, with leaders and contractors receiving double the scale, $230. See the Local 400 wage scales for applicable cartage or doubling. **New members are encouraged to apply!**

The AFM is mandating 5% work dues on wages/doubling for all MPTF engagements, payable to Local 400. A work dues form providing complete

information will be supplied to all leaders/co-sponsors after the performance is approved for a grant by MPTF.

We encourage members to consult the MPTF website for additional detailed information about the history and mission of the Music Performance Trust Fund. Please share with potential sponsors the link provided that represents MPTF's mission. Click here to watch the video.

In Case You Missed It....

Below are selected repeat items from past issues of *The Score*

In a previous issue of *The Score*, we published information about the special MPTF program for America's 250th birthday. In case you missed it, click the button below for details. **HURRY!! DEADLINE IS JUNE 5!!**

MPTF America 250 Info

In a previous issue of The Score, we published information about the MPTF Music Family Scholarship program. In case you missed it, click the link below for details. **HURRY!! DEADLINE IS MAY 31!!**

Apply online at this link

Website Updates

We've made a few updates to our website that you may find useful.

"About" - a map of our jurisdiction has been added to the page
"Join Us" - information about membership dues type and rates has been added
"Members' Area" - after logging in with your AFM credentials, you can view

- Current bylaws
- Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy
- MPTF Agreement Form
- *The Score* archive
- Recent Financial Documents (unaudited)
- Updated dues renewal information
- Meeting info

MASTERWORK CHORUS (NJ) PLACED ON INTERNATIONAL UNFAIR LIST

The Masterwork Chorus Inc, based in Morristown, New Jersey, has been placed on the International Unfair List. In the past, they have hired musicians from our local and paid them underscale wages. **Local 400 members are advised that they are not to work for this employer.** Reach out to the AFM if you are asked to perform for them. Their next concert is May 16.

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