

PROCLAMATION

Philadelphia has a long and storied history in presenting live theater that sets the benchmark for achievement in the acting profession. Our City has been and continues to be home to many important American actors and is the birthplace of the founding generation of the legendary Barrymore family who provided three generations and over one hundred years of professional theater talent to the nation.

Since its inception on May 26, 1913 Actors' Equity Association, the trade union that supports, promotes, and fosters the art of live, professional theatre has endeavored to improve the working conditions of actors and stage managers, inspire generations of theater audiences, and uphold the core values of membership participation.

Actors' Equity Association works with the mission to protect the livelihood of its 49,000 members as a national labor leader. The organization has played a significant and historic role in desegregating theatres, advocating for arts funding, opposing blacklisting, and battling the AIDS crisis, among many other achievements.

In the century that has passed since its founding, Actors' Equity Association has made important economic contributions to the entertainment and labor industries, both at home in Philadelphia and throughout the country.

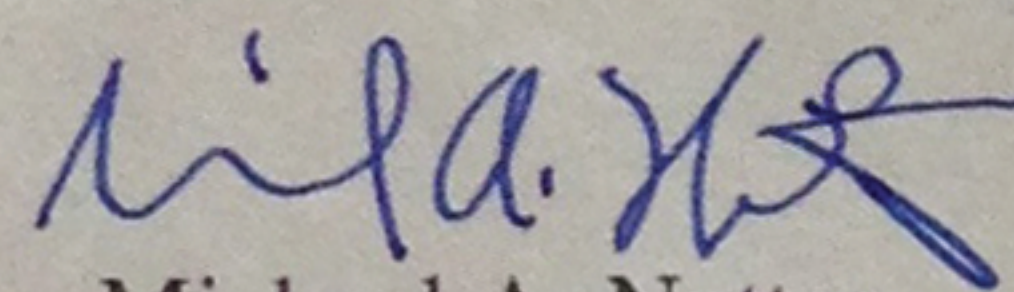
Actors' Equity Association has come to represent a standard of excellence in the American Theatre and remains an integral part of the cultural and social fabric of American life.

THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 1, 2013 to be

ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION DAY

in Philadelphia and urge all citizens to be aware of the organization's meaningful theatrical, educational, and cultural contributions to generations of actors and theatergoers, and congratulate Actors' Equity Association on the remarkable achievement of marking this centennial anniversary and commend this vital, progressive and evolving labor union as it continues to meet industry challenges and advocate on behalf of America's dedicated acting professionals.


Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this first day of July, two thousand and thirteen.

