

PAT QUINN GOVERNOR

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Actors' Equity Association

Congratulations!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to congratulate the Actors' Equity Association on the celebration of your 100th Anniversary.

For the past one hundred years, the Actors' Equity Association has been a symbol of excellence in the American theater and played an important role in the cultural heritage of Chicago and the State of Illinois. Your members have inspired generations of theater audiences through their performances and work on stages large and small. Furthermore, the Actors' Equity Association has been a leader for social change. As a labor union representing more than 49,000 actors and stage managers in the United States, you have always stood up for the dignity and rights of working America and championed diversity, both onstage and off.

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for any organization. The long history of the Actors' Equity Association is truly a testament to the strength of your staff and members. This anniversary is an opportunity for you to celebrate your success, while also reaffirming the hard work and dedication that has supported your organization for one hundred years. I encourage you to use this occasion to reflect on all the good that you have accomplished throughout your history.

It is my honor to join in commemorating your 100th anniversary. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn Governor