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CULTURAL EXCHANGE - AFM MEMBERS PERFORMING IN CANADA

The Canadian Office of the American Federation of Musicians has been designated as the sponsoring organization for a cultural exchange program, whereby members of the A.F. of M. will not require department of employment validation (EMP-2151) prior to entering Canada for commercial engagements.

The following documentation is required in order to obtain a work permit to enter Canada as a performing musician under this program (maximum length of permit 3 months).

1. Each musician and member of the technical staff (if any), must complete an application form CE-AFM-1, seven (7) days in advance of the performance date. The form letter enclosed herein can be reproduced as needed, but ***must*** be signed by the AFM Local official verifying membership status of performing musicians, which must be current for the duration of stay being requested.
2. A copy of a duly executed AFM contract covering the engagement(s) to be performed in Canada is required.
3. Each person must carry proof citizenship, i.e. birth certificate, passport, or citizenship papers. PLEASE NOTE: As of January 23, 2007, U.S. Citizens will require passports (as mandatory by US DHS) when traveling by air between US and Canada
4. An administrative fee of \$20.00USD for each 'Cultural Exchange' authorization is required musicians crossing the boarder at the same time need only submit one fee of \$20.00, but musicians crossing separate from the group will be charged an additional \$20.00USD per authorization form prepared. This fee is payable to AFM Canada in USD (or \$25.00 CDN) by cheque, money order. or cash.

NOTE: As January 1, 2007 administrative fees will increase to \$25.00USD or \$30.00 CDN.

Please forward copies of completed applications, engagement contracts and fee to:

AFM Canada
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The Canadian Office will return to the musician/leader a completed CE-AFM-2 letter of support, which must be presented to the Canadian Immigration Inspector at the port of entry used to enter into Canada, along with a copy of your recent contract(s). At that time a form IMM-1102 Work Permit will be issued, and an administration fee of **\$150.00** for a single musician and for groups of three through fourteen musicians travelling as one unit a **\$450.00 fee will be charged by the border. Note: These amounts payable in Canadian funds.**

A permit valid for (3) months can be obtained provided the entertainment unit has (3) months of confirmed engagements. If/when working for a (6) month period for only (1) engagement, the boarder may issue a permit valid for (6) months.

In some instances 'performing artists' may not have to pay the fee or require authorization to work. Please contact Liana White (lwhite@afm.org) for additional information.

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