

July 24, 2018

Mr. John Tory,  
Mayor, City of Toronto  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory,

We understand that you are in receipt of a letter from our brothers and sisters at the Toronto and York Regional Labour Council, with respect to the lock out of the members of IATSE Local 58. We support the position taken by the Labour Council and other organizations.

Equity is the voice of professional artists engaging in live performance in English Canada. We are a national association representing almost 6,000 artists (many of whom live and work in the GTA) working in theatre, opera and dance from coast-to-coast-to-coast. Equity's membership includes performers, directors, choreographers, fight directors and stage managers. We rely on the skilled IATSE technicians in our workplaces to ensure a safe work environment and I am sure that this is a concern for you too, as the members of IA 58 provide technical support for events at BMO Field, the Enercare Centre and the CNE itself.

No dispute can be resolved when the parties are not talking to each other. We urge you to instruct the Board of the Canadian National Exhibition to return to the bargaining table and negotiate in good faith for a resolution of this impasse.

Sincerely,



(Ms.) Arden R. Ryshpan  
Executive Director

**CANADIAN ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION**