

STEPHANIE O'KEEFE

Stephanie O'Keefe is currently serving in her second term as President of AFM Local 47, in Los Angeles. Ms. O'Keefe also serves as a Vice President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, co-chair of the AFM Local 47 Musicians Health and Welfare Trust, as a member of the Western Council of the Entertainment Community Fund, and on the Verdugo Workforce Development Board.

Originally from Chicago, Ms. O'Keefe began her career as a professional musician in Las Vegas, where she played the French horn in every major showroom for headliners that included Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr., Burt Bacharach, and Dolly Parton.

Since 1987, Ms. O'Keefe has made Los Angeles her home. She has performed and recorded with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Grammy nominated Kim Richmond Concert Jazz Orchestra, Johnny Mathis, Neil Diamond, Lady Gaga, Avenged Sevenfold, Snow Patrol, Barry Manilow, James Taylor, Leon Russell, Tony Bennett, Justin Timberlake, Blake Shelton, Glen Frey, and the video games, World of Warcraft and Legend of Zelda. Additionally, Ms. O'Keefe has recorded the scores for numerous commercials, films, and television shows.

Ms. O'Keefe was the instructor of horn and chamber music at Occidental College for over a decade, during which time she created and led OxyNewMusic, an ensemble that workshopped and performed over fifty premieres by Occidental student composers.

Ms. O'Keefe's commitment to music education also led her, in 2019, to create the curriculum and administer a highly successful mentoring project, in partnership with Inglewood School District and AFM Local 47.

Ms. O'Keefe has always been a fierce advocate for musicians. In 2006, she started her own awareness campaign, Real Music Comes From MusiciansSM. She also served on the AFM Local 47 Legislative Committee, several negotiating committees, and in 2005, was instrumental in the creation of the first AFM contract for a previously non-union orchestra, which continues to perform under an AFM Local 47 contract to this day.