

## **B.J. LEVY**

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B.J. Levy was elected as President of the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208 (CFM) in December of 2022. Prior to that, he served six years as Secretary-Treasurer, three years as Administrator of the CFM Employers' Welfare Fund, and nine years as a member of the Board of Directors.

He received his Bachelor's in Music Performance in Trumpet from Indiana University in 1996, his Master's in Jazz Studies from DePaul University in 2001, and recently completed the three-year Labor Leadership Certificate program at DePaul University.

B.J.'s first job was as bugler for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in his hometown of Brazil, Indiana. He played in many regional orchestras while studying at Indiana University and worked as a musician for Carnival Cruise Lines for two years after graduating. Upon moving to Chicago in 1998, he began working in the commercial music industry and eventually theatre pits, where he spent the bulk of his performance career working on over fifty long-running productions.

Upon being elected to the Board of Directors of the CFM, he embraced his role as a union leader, engaging in education with the AFL-CIO Organizing Institute, serving as a Delegate to both the Illinois AFL-CIO and Chicago Federation of Labor, and attending International Foundation of Employee Benefit Programs conferences as Administrator of the CFM Employer's Welfare Fund.

He is proud to be appointed to serve as a Trustee of the American Federation of Musicians and Employers' Pension Fund.