

Canadian Local IATSE 212 and Netflix Sign Three Year Deal

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Los Angeles, CA — Netflix and IATSE 212 signed a 3-year deal today after months of negotiation with the Canadian union, bringing stability to productions and motion picture crews in the region.

Discussions began in September 2023 with a Local 212 bargaining team, comprised of Local 212 President Damian Petti, Motion Picture Vice President Alex Free, and Motion Picture Business Agent Tom Benz. The mutually beneficial agreement will take effect immediately.

The IATSE 212 Contract Committee unanimously ratified the deal, welcoming the optimism it brings. Business is finally bouncing back after a difficult year due to the lengthy Hollywood screen industry strikes, which grounded many projects to a halt on both sides of the border.

Damian Petti sees this agreement as a game-changer. “The new agreement reflects a pragmatic and fair labour relations model in our jurisdiction. The needs of our members have been prioritized while recognising what is important to Netflix in a very competitive and rapidly evolving marketplace. We are very excited by the prospect of future growth that this partnership can bring.”

The union President says he is resolute in support of the workers’ rights. “Protecting our members health and safety is as important as ensuring they are fairly compensated. Travel to and from distant locations, proper meal breaks, accommodations, and long hours of work have all been protected in our terms.” Petti vowed, “We will continue to stand firm on things like weekend turnaround and overtime pay.”

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IATSE 212 became the Calgary Local of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees in 1911. The union behind entertainment, IATSE represents over 170,000 members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada. IATSE 212 advocates for stage, motion picture, scenic artists and technicians working in Southern Alberta.

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