



# The American Federation of Musicians

## Local 285-403, New London, CT

*The Musician's Association of Eastern Connecticut*

### **INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS**

Membership in Local 285-403, A.F. of M. is open to all professional musicians who live in or regularly perform within its jurisdiction. Prospective members are required to appear at 7:00 P.M. prior to a Regular Membership meeting and demonstrate proficiency on their primary instrument, before being sworn into membership. Approximately five minutes of music of the applicant's own choosing should be prepared for the audition. The use of sheet music and group auditions are permitted. A piano is available for keyboard players. The audition requirement is waived for members in good standing of another Local of the American Federation of Musicians. A valid current membership card from the other Local must be presented for those seeking dual affiliation.

LOCAL 285-403, A.F. of M. holds Regular Membership Meetings at 7:30 P.M. on the THIRD TUESDAY of each month (except during January, June, July and August.) Meetings are held at the AMERICAN LEGION POST #9, located at 74 Garfield Ave., New London, CT. Garfield Ave. can be reached via Colman St. or Jefferson Ave.

### **2009 DUES AND FEES**

Federation Initiation Fee ..... \$ 65.00 \* Not applicable to members in good standing of other AFM Locals  
Local 285 Initiation Fee ..... \$ 25.00  
Annual Dues ..... \$ 90.00 \*\* Dues may be paid semi-annually, pay \$45 if after July 1st.

New Members pay \$180.00 for full year - \$135 for half year

Dual Members pay \$115.00 for full year - \$70 for half year (no AFM Initiation Fee)

Former Local 285-403 members who resigned in good standing pay no initiation fees, only a \$10 reinstatement fee

NOTE: Add \$5.00 for optional participation in the DEATH BENEFIT

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "LOCAL 285-403, A.F. of M." and mail to the Secretary-Treasurer at the address listed below. Call for additional information or assistance.

### **DEATH BENEFIT**

Local 285-403 maintains an optional DEATH BENEFIT FUND for its members. New members may enroll by paying the \$5.00 annual assessment and notifying the Secretary-Treasurer of their designated beneficiary. The Death Benefit Fund is open to all members, regardless of age.

Upon the death of any member in good standing, who has been a participant in the Death Benefit, Local 285-403 pays to the member's designated beneficiary a benefit ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, depending upon the length of time that a member has been part of the plan (the maximum being reached after 10 years.)

### **ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 285-403 RECEIVE :**

- **UPBEAT** - The monthly newsletter of LOCAL 285-403
- **INTERNATIONAL MUSICIAN** - The A.F. of M. monthly newspaper
- Listing in the LOCAL 285-403 Membership Directory
- Participation in the Local's computerized job referral service
- Local web site for information & free promotional listings of members and their groups: [wwwCtProMusic.org](http://www.CtProMusic.org)
- Free contract forms, public relations materials, active marketing of your act and groups
- Participation in the AFM/AFL-CIO *UNION PRIVILEGE* program of discounts on many goods and services
- Access to special musical instrument insurance programs through the AFM
- Assistance on the road by the AFM for traveling musicians
- Technical and legal assistance if a purchaser defaults on contract terms

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