



MEMBERS' PROJECT CODE/FRINGE FESTIVAL CODE

1. Members' Project Code (MPC) or Fringe Festival Code (FFC) productions must be member-produced, and all participants in the project are considered collaborators, not employees. No theater or producing organization may use the MPC/FFC. A theatre or producing organization is a group that has a; Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN); or has 501(c) (3) or other non-profit status; or is a Limited Liability Cooperation (LLC); or is a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP); or is a known commercial producer; or is under the auspices of a fiscal sponsorship organization; or has produced under one of the above exclusions within the past 12 months. Participation in the Members' Project Code or Fringe Festival Code does not create a Conflict of Interest status under Equity policy.
2. The MPC/FFC may be used only outside the Regional Office Cities, where the Membership Rules & Agreements for Los Angeles 99-seat Theater, New York's Basic or Seasonal Showcase Codes, or the Chicago Showcase Code are not applicable.
3. An appropriate Liaison Committee, or its designee, must oversee and monitor the use of the MPC/FFC.
4. A contemplated MPC/FFC that is outside a designated Liaison Area may only be approved if the Liaison Committee within a reasonable distance is willing to oversee the production and if the appropriate Regional Director also approves that production.
5. Each Equity member in the MPC/FFC project must be provided with a paper or electronic copy of this document for their review one month prior to the first rehearsal or read through of a MPC/FFC production, and the attached form must be signed by all Equity members to confirm receipt and understanding of the terms.
6. Actors' Equity Association reserves the right to determine whether the use of the MPC/FFC is being properly applied, but Equity does not endorse individual MPC/FFC productions. Further, it is not intended that the Area Liaison Committee (or any representative thereof) should have the authority to "approve" or "disapprove" the content of any MPC/FFC production. Failure to properly notify the Liaison Committee in advance of any intended production or to comply with the provisions of the MPC/FFC may, however, result in permission not being granted or being withdrawn.
7. Productions are limited to a maximum of 20 performances, and cannot tour. The rehearsal period prior to first public performance shall be mutually convenient to the Equity Members in terms of number of weeks and hours per week.
8. A house board, cast list or program shall be provided and each Equity member must be listed and identified as a member of Actors' Equity Association. Projects are encouraged to provide all three. The following credit must also appear on all house boards, cast lists, programs, and publicity materials: "This production is being presented under the auspices of the Actors' Equity Association (insert relevant title: Members' Project Code OR Fringe Festival Code)."
9. A recording of an MPC/FFC production may be permitted by a majority vote of the Equity Members. Recording shall not exceed one half hour of rehearsal and/or performance. No more than three minutes of the Recording shall be shown on a news broadcast, community affairs program, show specific website, or third party hosting site. The edited recording may not depict an entire scene or musical number. No MPC/FFC participant, Area Liaison or member of the Area Liaison Committee is permitted to modify this rule.
10. Specific to the Members' Project Code (MPC):
 - a. Productions must occur in a consecutive five-week period.
 - b. Audiences are limited to 99 per performance.
11. Specific to the Fringe Festival Code (FFC):
 - a. The provisions specific to the FFC are applicable only for recognized Fringe Festivals, as may be determined by Actors' Equity Association at its sole discretion.
 - b. Productions must occur within the duration of the stated dates of the Festival.
12. The Members' Project Code/Fringe Festival Code is subject to revision by the Council at its discretion.