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IATSE Local 488 Celebrates 25th Year.

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On April 1st 2017, IATSE Local 488 celebrated the 25th anniversary of their charter with a grand celebration party.

The festivities took place in Portland, OR, which is one of Local 488's three main production zones, (along with Seattle and Spokane). The Local's jurisdiction encompasses Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho and Western Montana.

International IATSE President Matt Loeb attended, as did additional Union dignitaries, representatives of other IATSE Locals, and many charter members.

IATSE Local 488, is the local union of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada. The Local represents the vast majority of film and video technicians in the Pacific Northwest that work in Television, Movie and Commercial production.

The Membership includes over 650 people working in 18 different Crafts including: Art Department, Construction, Crafts Service; Electric, Grip, First Aid, Wardrobe, Hair and Make Up, Paint and Scenic Artists, Locations, Property, Set Dressing, Special Effects, Sound, Production Office, Script Supervision, Set Teachers and Video Assist. Members also include Hair and Make Up, and Scenic Artists working in several Seattle Theatres.

Those gathered celebrated their work on productions dating back to Free Willy, Sleepless in Seattle, and the TV series Northern Exposure, as well as more recent projects such as Z-Nation filmed in Spokane, WA, and TV shows Grimm, Librarians, and Portlandia, all filmed in Portland, Oregon.

Local 488 wishes to thank Governor Kate Brown as well as the

Oregon State Legislature for continuing to support the Oregon Production Investment Fund. Local 488 also wishes to thank Governor Jay Inslee and the Washington State Legislature for their continued efforts, to renew the funding for Washington Filmworks, (Washington's state incentive program) which is still under consideration in the extended session. The passage and support of these measures will ensure the continued growth of the film and video industry in the Pacific Northwest and help provide ongoing work, for the members of IATSE Local 488.