**The Touring Professionals Alliance (TPA)**

**Fancy Logo to follow In the Coming Weeks!**

As the sixth month is approaching with no live events, a heavy-hitters group of Tour Managers and Production Managers have very recently formed what we are calling **‘The Touring Professionals Alliance’**.

Fundraising efforts and a plan to link artists, management and campaigns are forthcoming.

Options of sponsorship and charity classification is being discussed.

A website and social media pages are being created so that we can engage as a community.

Above all, this alliance is for crew, by crew.

Even though we are separated right now, we are in this together.

**When will we get back to work?**

The truth of it all, is that we obviously do not have this answer. As ideal as it would be to do events at the beginning next year, you should factor in your personal situation and possibly consider part time or interim work until we can safely resume touring. Even still, there is optimism coming our way. From the development of on-site Covid-19 rapid testing seeking FDA approval and machine production beginning in the Fall, many advancements and plans are being implemented to help get our shows back on the road!

**What can you do in the meantime?**

We do need to think outside the box for other job opportunities. Now is the time to explore career paths outside of the industry as they become available. Some of our colleagues are working in construction, virtual jobs or in essential roles from the likes of Amazon, Grubhub, Uber to fill in the gaps. As the **TPA** gains momentum, we hope more job opportunities will be presented that we can share with you.

*\*\*Job Opportunity\*\**

A company that has been assisting gig workers is Nana. Appliance technicians are needed and Nana is providing complimentary six week training courses and pay can be up to $2500 / week.

<https://nanaacademy.org>

**Who can you contact for Mental Health support?**

Sims Foundation – <https://simsfoundation.org>

We are all struggling right now. Not just financially and professionally but physically and emotionally. The Sims Foundation led by Patsy Dolan Bouressa is an Austin-based, crew-focused organization that is an asset for all of us. Affordable therapy and assistance can be scheduled via in-person referral, zoom or cell in all states. Whether you need to speak about your own journey or know someone in our industry who is facing addiction issues, this resource is available. Please reach out to me or Sims directly if you need help – we are here for you.

Backline.care - <https://backline.care>

There is a Support Group every Monday and Thursday at 5:30 PM EST – Zoom ID 789 801 804. This is a safe place for people to come together and talk about what it means to work in the music industry in today’s global climate. This is moderated by two licensed clinicians, who lead a group meditation to close each session.

**Go Fund Me Requests:**

Two of our colleagues need our support. Even a $1 makes a difference. Please read about their stories and share. Also, if there is any other industry member you know of who is in need of assistance, please let me know and we can spread their links as well.

Chris Reynolds

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-support-chris039-medical-effort?sharetype=teams>

Petur Redbird

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/petur-redbird-humble-healer-with-a-broken-heart?viewupdates=1&rcid=r01-159902286177-893eed409cbd4ac6&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2B1137-update-supporters-v5b>

**Looking Forward:**

Another **TPA** daysheet will be sent out next month with additional updates. Please be well and safe.

Reach out if you need anything or want to touch base. Would love to hear from you. Miss you all!