

DALLAS-FORT WORTH PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 72-147 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

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Dear Delegates of the Southern Conference of Locals,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to Dallas/Fort Worth for the 2025 Southern Conference of Locals on June 21st and 22^{nd.} It is especially meaningful to have you come to Dallas for this year's conference, as we were unable to host a live conference back in 2020-21 as was planned. We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome you, at last.

The conference will be held at the <u>DoubleTree Dallas Campbell Centre Hotel</u> in Dallas, located on North Central Expressway at Loop 12. If you are into shopping and dining, you will be at ground zero in Dallas with <u>NorthPark Center</u> right across the highway – the largest retail space in DFW and a landmark of mid-century architecture (You can't get more "Dallas" than that).

A few minutes drive down Central Expressway will take you downtown. There you can explore the spectacular performing arts venues and museums of the <u>Dallas Arts District</u>. You can also find the galleries, restaurants, bars, and live music of <u>Deep Ellum</u>, <u>Victory Park</u> and more. Of special significance is the moving and powerful <u>Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza</u>, which chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

I would recommend that you fly into Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL), hub of Southwest Airlines, which is about 7 miles from the hotel. This is about a 15 minute ride to the hotel. If you fly via DFW Airport, you will have about a 30 minute trip to the hotel with the possibility of more traffic issues.

If you have any questions about traveling to Dallas/Fort Worth, do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to see you at the conference!

In solidarity,

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