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Support to dubbing artists in Hungary

The International Federation of Actors (FIA) represents more than 100 performers' unions, guilds and professional associations. Our members speak up for hundreds of thousands of actors in dubbing, television, film, theatre, radio and variety, as well as for dancers in 75 countries, including the US and Canada, all the EU and Latin America.

We are very concerned by the degrading situation of dubbing artists in Hungary. We know that they are paid a misery for their professional work, despite the fact that their talent is a key contributor to the commercial success of all foreign film productions in the country. The refusal of dubbing companies to negotiate acceptable terms and conditions of engagement with Színházi Dolgozók Szakszervezete is a disgrace and something we simply cannot accept.

Dubbing is a vital professional activity for many performers in Hungary, who should be allowed to make a decent living of their work. Instead, productions companies prefer to give them crumbs to maximize their profits. This is not the way that our professionals are treated and we stand with our affiliate union in Hungary in their determination to change this for the better.

We are aware that dubbing artists have decided to strike for three days. This goes a long way to prove how bad their situation is. No performer ever takes such a difficult decision lightly, unless the situation is truly unbearable. We are convinced that they deserve better and urge all Hungarian dubbing companies to agree with Színházi Dolgozók Szakszervezete on more decent contractual conditions.

All our members are now aware of this situation and have pledged their unconditional support. They will not hesitate to take any action legally available to them, if so requested by our Federation.

Yours sincerely,

Tomas Bolme
President of FIA

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