



Music Professionals of Manitoba presents: Taking Care of Business

***JUNE 23RD - NEWLY ADDED PRESENTATION**

Music Professionals of Manitoba, Local 190 is pleased to offer a monthly series of professional development sessions to help our members learn more about the practical, contractual and financial aspects of life as a musician. Your local is here to share information about resources available to our members and to support you in the day-to-day business of our industry. Each webinar will be followed by a question/answer period, wherein you will be able to direct questions to the presenter (time permitting). Attendance is free of charge. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, send an email to info@musicprosmnitoba.ca no later than one day before the event date. We hope you can join us.

*The series will run on the following dates: January 20th, February 24th, March 24th, April 28th and May 26th with renowned guest presenters from across the country.

How the Unison Fund is helping the Canadian Music community



Presenter: Anna Ruddick, Allocations Coordinator, Unison Benevolent Fund

 **June 23, 2021**

 **12:00 pm – 12:45 pm**

Anna Ruddick is a graduate of McGill university's Jazz Performance program and postgraduate studies in Arts Administration and Cultural Management at Humber College.

In her young career, Anna has risen to become one of the most in-demand and versatile bassists in Canada. She has performed on more than forty-five studio albums spanning across many genres. Some of her notable recording work includes Randy Bachman's power trio album 'Heavy Blues' (2015), Bry Webb's critically acclaimed studio album 'Free Will' (2014) and live album 'Live at Massey Hall' (2015), Paul Reddick's 2017 Juno Award winning album 'Ride The One' (2016) and Lee Harvey Osmond's 2020 Juno Award winning album "Mohawk" (2019). In addition to her session work, Anna has performed live and toured with a who's-who of Canadian and international artists, most notably City and Colour, Fefe Dobson, Erin Costello, and Ian Blurton's quartet Future Now.

After years as a performer, Anna is passionate about advocating for the financial and emotional wellbeing of Canadian Music Industry workers and has been working with The Unison Fund, Canada's Music Charity since 2020, as Administration and Allocations coordinator.

- The Unison Fund offers financial support and counselling and health solutions
- Qualified applicants can receive short-term help by receiving a \$1,000 grant to go towards basic, most important and necessary living expenses (shelter, medical expenses, groceries)
- A toll-free number connects Canadian music professionals with resources and support for personal and practical issues (free, anonymous, confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Service is available in English and French.
- Q & A afterwards to help with member questions
- To register for this free event, email info@musicprosmnitoba.ca before noon, June 22nd, 2021.