

LEGAL NOTICE

If you directed a motion picture or other work that was not covered by a DGA collective bargaining agreement, you may have a claim in a court-approved class action settlement.

A court-approved settlement of a class action lawsuit affects you if you ever directed a motion picture, television program, or certain other audio-visual work that was not covered by a Directors Guild of America, Inc. ("DGA") collective bargaining agreement at the time it was produced, and it was aired in certain foreign countries. If you qualify, you may request a payment.

On September 10, 2008, the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, California approved a class action settlement in *William Webb v. Directors Guild of America, Inc.*, Case No. BC 352621, and authorized this notice.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

The lawsuit arose as a result of the collection and distribution to directors of levies on blank DVDs and tapes in several foreign nations. Various countries have adopted laws imposing these levies, which are designed to provide compensation to rights holders, including directors of motion pictures and other works. The lawsuit claimed that DGA has failed to properly distribute foreign levies to non-DGA members. DGA denies all allegations and has asserted many defenses. The settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing or an indication that any law was violated.

WHO'S INCLUDED?

You are a Class Member and could get benefits if you are a director who satisfies all of the following three criteria: (1) the motion picture or other work you directed was not covered by any DGA collective bargaining agreement at the time it was produced; (2) DGA has received, on your behalf, levies imposed on your work by foreign jurisdictions; and (3) you were not a DGA member at the time DGA first received foreign levies on your behalf. Excluded from the class are directors, officers, and members of DGA.

WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

DGA will publish on its website a list of non-DGA member directors to whom at least \$25 of foreign levies have been assigned, but not yet paid. This list of non-DGA member directors will be available within three months. If a user clicks on a name, the titles assigned to that director will appear, and the user will be provided with information to contact DGA for further information about how to receive payment. If a non-DGA member is not listed, but contacts DGA to request payment of foreign levies, DGA will timely fulfill the request if at least \$10 of foreign levies have accrued for that individual.

DGA's website also will include a function that permits non-member directors to register information regarding their works that fit the "Class Member" criteria. This information shall be used for informational purposes only, but may help determine whether payments are due. Class counsel encourages directors to register their information as soon as the registration site becomes active, which will occur within three months, so that these and future foreign levies may be paid to you.

DGA will also engage an accounting firm to conduct an annual review of its foreign levy program. The results of these reviews will be posted on DGA's website.

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION

If you are a member of the Class and are eligible to receive payment, there are two ways to proceed. First, you may visit www.dga.org/foreignlevies.php to see if you are listed as a non-member director to whom at least \$25 of foreign levies are owed. If so, simply click on your name to obtain information about how to request payment. Second, you may contact DGA's Foreign Levies Department by phone at 310-289-5328 or email at foreignlevies@dga.org. DGA will timely fulfill requests for payment if at least \$10 of foreign levies have accrued for you.

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