

**Summary Plan Information  
for Employers and Employee Representatives of  
the AFTRA Retirement Fund**

This notice provides summary plan information about the AFTRA Retirement Fund (the Fund) (Employer Identification No. 13-6414972; Plan No. 001), as required under section 104(d) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Unless otherwise noted, the information provided relates to the plan year that began December 1, 2009 and ended November 30, 2010 (referred to herein as the 2009 Plan Year).

**Contributions**

The Fund contributions are paid by employers on behalf of employees performing covered work under collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) with the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). Contribution amounts are based upon the rates outlined in the corresponding CBA under which covered work was performed. The contribution rates in effect during the 2009 Plan Year ranged from 4%–15.5% of the performer earnings to which they apply.

There were no (0) participants in the Fund on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer on the participant's behalf for the 2009 Plan Year. For the prior two plan years, there were no (0) such participants.

**Employers**

A total of 2,444 employers were obligated to contribute to the Fund during the 2009 Plan Year. The following two employers each contributed more than 5% of the Fund's total contributions for the 2009 Plan Year: ABC and CBS Broadcasting, Inc.

**Benefit formulas**

The formulas used to calculate participants' pension benefits under the Fund's plan of benefits (the Plan) are listed below. Note that a change to the Plan's benefit formulas was implemented effective May 1, 2009.

*For covered work prior to May 1, 2009* – Covered earnings for each Base Year in which a performer earned a Pension Credit<sup>1</sup> multiplied by the Retirement Plan's benefit accrual rate<sup>2</sup>.

*For covered work on or after May 1, 2009* – The total amount of employer contributions credited on a performer's behalf in each Base Year in which such performer earned a Pension Credit multiplied by the contribution-based accrual rate of 4.86%.

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<sup>1</sup> If a performer meets a minimum covered earnings threshold in a "Base Year" (December 1 - November 30), that performer earns a Pension Credit for that year. Performers who accumulate at least five Pension Credits become vested for a Retirement Plan pension benefit. For complete information, refer to pages 11-13 of the 2006 Retirement Plan Summary Plan Description and the Summary Material Modification included in the April 2009 Benefits Update. Both documents are available at [www.aftrahr.com](http://www.aftrahr.com) ("Retirement Fund" | "Retirement Plan SPD").

<sup>2</sup> For a summary of historical benefit accrual rates, refer to page 15 of the 2006 Retirement Plan Summary Plan Description, which is available at [www.aftrahr.com](http://www.aftrahr.com) ("Retirement Fund" | "Retirement Plan SPD").

**Retirement Fund status and additional information**

The Fund was not in critical or endangered status for the 2009 Plan Year. The Fund did not merge with another plan and there was no transfer of assets or liabilities to or from any other plan during the 2009 Plan Year.

The Fund is aware of one employer that withdrew from the Fund during the plan year that ended November 30, 2009 (the 2008 Plan Year). That employer was WQXR (NY Times Electronic Media), and the aggregate amount of the withdrawal liability assessed was \$734,100. The Fund applied for and received an amortization extension under Section 304(d) of ERISA for the plan year beginning December 1, 2008 (the 2008 Plan Year). These amortization extensions remained in effect for the 2009 Plan Year, to the extent allowed by law. The Fund did not employ the “shortfall funding method” described in Section 305 of ERISA for the 2009 Plan Year.

**Documents available upon request**

Recipients of this notice have a right to request a copy of the Fund’s annual report for the 2009 Plan Year (the Form 5500 filed by the Fund), the Fund’s Summary Plan Description and any Summary of Material Modification of the Fund. Such requests must be made in writing to the Board of Trustees of the AFTRA Retirement Fund, 261 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016. Note that in no case shall a recipient be entitled to receive more than one copy of any such document during a 12-month period and that the Fund may charge a reasonable fee for copying, mailing and other costs associated with providing such documents.