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**BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC FACULTY WELCOME BOSTON CONSERVATORY
FACULTY INTO THEIR NEGOTIATING UNIT**

BOSTON - The Berklee Faculty Union is pleased to announce that the 200-plus full-time and part-time faculty members of the Boston Conservatory at Berklee have joined the 600-plus members of the Berklee College of Music faculty as part of the Berklee Faculty Union.

Berklee College of Music administration agreed to voluntary recognition of the Boston Conservatory at Berklee faculty to become part of the Berklee Faculty Union. Thus, on June 13, an independent arbitrator confirmed that the Boston Conservatory Program faculty overwhelmingly chose the Berklee Faculty Union to represent them.

In a welcoming message to the Boston Conservatory faculty, Berklee Faculty Union President Jackson Schultz said, "Our charge this summer is now to bargain for the terms and conditions applicable to you, the newly recognized faculty... We will be bargaining for one-year contract provisions, the goal of which will be to strive for parity with the legacy Berklee faculty. Next year the entire contract, including any newly bargained-for provisions, will be up for negotiation."

Faculty at both institutions are central to the student experience. Boston Conservatory alumna Laura Dreyfuss, known for her roles on the Fox series "Glee" and in the Tony-winning musical "Dear Evan Hansen," says, "The Boston Conservatory faculty are irreplaceable—a perfectly placed group of artists and professionals. For decades, they have worked together to give students every tool they could possibly need to master the unique craft that is musical theater."

"My experience at Berklee was indeed enhanced by the undivided attention and wealth of knowledge from my professors," observes Berklee alumnus Grammy certificate winner Jonathan Hoard, who has been featured in Downbeat Magazine. "In addition to providing brilliant insight and guidance, my teachers from Berklee are there whenever I have music industry questions. They are still interested in my growth and general well-being via Facebook, text, or email."

The Berklee Faculty Union has represented Berklee College of Music full-time and part-time faculty at its Boston campus since 1986. As a member of the Massachusetts American Federation of Teachers, AFT local 4412, the Union is led by an elected 15-member executive committee headed by Schultz, a Professor of Jazz Composition.

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