

NOTICE TO ALL AFTRA FRANCHISED AGENTS

Fremantle/Telemundo telenovela

The following information relates to an AFTRA organizing campaign for a Spanish language telenovela to be co-produced by Fremantle Latin America and Telemundo. This telenovela is tentatively entitled "La Fuerza de Silencio".

“La Fuerza del Silencio” was to be produced in Los Angeles. After initial discussions with AFTRA, Fremantle/Telemundo announced that it intended to produce the show non-union, using a combination of non- union US performers and”international talent”. Teleset has also been linked to this production. Blanca Valdez is the Casting Director in Los Angeles for this show. Auditions have been held in Los Angeles, Dallas and Houston. We understand that some actors have been called back, although they have not been told where the production will take place, when it will begin shooting, or other specific information about the show. We now believe that this production will be shot in Dallas, TX. Outpost Pictures from Kansas City is recruiting the technical crew in Dallas at this time. There is no name for the show being used in the recruitment.

All AFTRA Locals, as well as other national (SAG and Actors Equity) and foreign unions, are being advised of this matter with the request that union members not accept employment on this production until the production has resolved a contract with AFTRA.

Please note that under the AFTRA National Constitution, any union member who works on this telenovela in the absence of a union contract is subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to expulsion from the Union. Also, a non-member who works on this telenovela without a union contract may be denied membership in the Union in the future.

Therefore, AFTRA is requesting that all franchised agents **do not submit** any performer for this Fremantle/Telemundo telenovela in order to support the efforts of AFTRA members to resolve this dispute and to support the efforts of Spanish language performers working in the U.S. to receive the wages and working conditions established for professional performers in the entertainment industry.

If you have any questions or information about this telenovela (i.e. auditions or call-backs are being held, or actors are being offered contracts) please contact Leslie Simon, AFTRA Los Angeles Director of Spanish Language Media, at 323-634-8118 or lsimon@aftra.com . The source of any information received will be kept confidential.

On behalf of Spanish language union members, we thank you for your support and cooperation.