



Airline Carry-On Policies Causing Concern Over Instrument Safety

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The airport "Baggage Claim" sign is liable to strike terror in the hearts of traveling musicians forced to check their instruments, leaving their invaluable possessions susceptible to damage or loss.

Horror stories of priceless instruments being damaged beyond repair when forced to be checked as baggage are making headlines around the globe. In one of the more tragic

cases, Canadian AFM member Paul Casey's \$13,000 viola was destroyed when he was forced to check his instrument on an Air Canada flight, despite the fact that he had been allowed to board with it on previous flights with the same airline.

Since the terrorist attacks of 9/11, airlines have been enforcing increasingly restrictive policies regarding what is allowable as a carry-on item,

often based on size, which causes major problems for musicians traveling with large instruments.

Adding to the frustration faced by traveling musicians, these ever-changing restrictions are often capriciously enforced, making it impossible to know from one flight to the next – even on the same airline – whether or not an instrument will be allowed on board.

These issues are making musicians worldwide deem air travel too high a risk. Recent reports from Britain show that thousands of soloists and orchestra members are cancelling tours or enduring long train journeys to reach international destinations rather than risk their instruments to the cargo hold of a plane.

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Local 47 2006 Biennial Election Nominees

PRESIDENT/DELEGATE:

(Elect One)
Hal Espinosa
David Schubach

VICE PRESIDENT/

DELEGATE:
(Elect One)
Peter Quesada
Jeffrey Surga
Vince J. Trombetta

SECRETARY/

TREASURER/
DELEGATE:
(Elect One)
Serena Kay Williams

TRUSTEES:

(Elect Three)
Judy Chlilnick
Michael Grego
Lisa Haley
Don Muggridge
Alan Vavrin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(Elect Six)
David Garfield
Pamela Gates
Tom Griffin
Greg Huckins
Bonnie Janofsky
Harriet Katz
Leslie Lashinsky
Gary Lasley
Dr. Bobby Rodriguez
Marl Young

HEARING BOARD:

(Elect Seven)
Rick Baptist
Alan Estes
Chuck Flores
Jon Kurnick
Allen Savedoff
Marc Sazer
Lesa Terry

DELEGATES TO THE AFM CONVENTION:

(Elect Three)
Michael Grego
Lisa Haley
Jennie Hansen
Bonnie Janofsky
Peter Quesada
David Schubach
Jeffrey Surga
Vince J. Trombetta
Alan Vavrin
Serena Kay Williams
Marl Young

FIRST ALTERNATE

DELEGATE:
(Elect One)
Greg Huckins

SECOND ALTERNATE

DELEGATE:
(Elect One)
Judy Chlilnick

These candidates for office in the Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, Local 47 Biennial Election have been properly nominated in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Local 47 Bylaws. The names appear here in alphabetical order in accordance with Article IX, Section 17. For more on the upcoming elections, see [Election Matters](#) page 10 >

Sax Wars

New documentary "Peggy Gilbert & Her All-Girl Band" recounts the jazz saxophonist's struggle for equality as a female musician in the 1920s and 1930s.

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