

My name is Laura Adkin and I'm very excited to be running for the UBCP/ACTRA Executive Board. I joined UBCP/ACTRA in 2006 and have been actively involved in our film industry ever since. I have sat on the board of GEMS (formerly Women in Film), participated in peer juries, co-chaired the UBCP/ACTRA Performers Who Create Committee. Sat on the BCFED, taught screenwriting and ran ULB webinars for our members and am currently the Director of Performing Arts at Vancouver Acting School.

In my early years the majority of my income was made as a stand-in, photo double and background performer so I feel a deep connection to that part of our membership. Alongside being an actor I am also a filmmaker and have benefited greatly from our ULB agreements. As a Member of the Board I will continue to bridge the gap between independent filmmakers and the union. I believe every director should have the ability to hire the best, most qualified actors and every actor should have the opportunity to work on projects that will give them creative freedom. I am deeply committed to the work already begun by the union to support our Members, like me, who want to carve a space for themselves behind the camera. Growing up in a union household I saw first hand the power of the collective voice to fight for the rights of workers and I would be honoured to be able fight for the rights of our members.