



**Entertainment Technician
Certification Program**

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TWENTY-EIGHT ETCP RIGGING CERTIFICATIONS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF IATSE LOCAL 873 - TORONTO

The Entertainment Technician Certification Program Council is proud to announce that twenty-eight certifications were awarded today to members of IATSE Local 873. On May 12, 2007, both the Arena and Theatre Rigging exams were administered at the union hall in Toronto. Of the twenty-eight certifications granted, eleven individuals hold both certifications.

Local 873 made a commitment to becoming the IATSE Local with the most certified technicians in North America, and they have achieved this goal. Bob Daprato, who sits on the Executive Board of Local 873, arranged for the paper and pencil exams to take place, and says "I couldn't be more proud of my brothers who took the exams and all their hard work is evident in the results. I am excited that we have achieved our goal of most certified technicians in an IATSE local in North America."

Paper and pencil administrations of any of the ETCP exams may be arranged locally for groups of 10 or more. Computer-based exams are available at 190 testing centers across the United States and Canada. Candidate information, including eligibility requirements and application forms, are available online. If you would like the examination information and application forms mailed or emailed to you, or would like to schedule a local paper and pencil administration, please contact Meredith Moseley-Bennett, ETCP Certification Coordinator, at 212-244-1505 or certification@esta.org.

The Local 873 certified riggers are now listed on the ETCP website at <http://www.etcp.esta.org>. Each can be identified on the jobsite by requesting to see their ETCP ID card that includes their picture, date of certification and, most importantly, area(s) of specialty. You'll also be able to spot them through the exclusive use of the ETCP Certified Riggers logo on their business card or website, or by the special lapel pin, embroidered patch, or workbox sticker.

If you are looking to hire a competent rigger or entertainment electrician who is dedicated to safety on the job, view the list of Certified Entertainment Technicians on the ETCP website. Not only did these technicians pass a thorough assessment, they also signed an agreement to abide by the ETCP Certified Entertainment Technician Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct to advance the integrity, honor and prestige of this profession by adherence to the standards set forth.

The ETCP Council members are key leaders drawn from entertainment business, labor, facilities, associations, and academia representing the diversity of the entertainment industry. Membership includes AMPTP, CITT, CCE, ESTA, IAAM, IATSE, InfoComm, The League, PRG, TEA, and USITT. ETCP is an ESTA initiative created to promote industry safety.

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