

Seaport Village Spring Busker Festival 2016

General Information

Saturday, March 5, 2016 – Sunday, March 6, 2016
12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

*The information in this document is subject to change prior to the 2016 festival.

Overview:

The 10th annual Seaport Village Spring Busker Festival will take place within Seaport Village's property, not including the parking lot. Approximately ten buskers will perform with one being awarded the People's Choice Award.

Performance Times:

- Each busker will be assigned one main performance time at one of the two main performance locations each day. Upon acceptance to the festival, each performer will also be assigned to either pitch category "A" (large pitches) or pitch category "B" (smaller pitches) based on the size of their act. They will be assigned locations at random to rotate within those designated pitches.
- Breaks will be provided between assigned performance times. If you care to perform more than assigned you may do so in non-designated locations so long as your performance does not interfere with that of another performer. Management has the right to stop your performance if you interfere with a scheduled performer.
- Main performance times will be drawn from a hat at random. These times are not negotiable. Each busker is allotted 45 minutes to the main performance area (please perform for at least 20 minutes and up to 45 minutes) including the time it takes to draw your crowd, perform and breakdown. Your designated performance time marks the beginning of these 45 minutes. Please arrive 15 minutes early to begin setting up. This 15 minute period of time will likely be used by the Seaport Village emcee. Example: If your time is at 12 p.m., you should arrive at 11:45 and may begin setting up. You must have finished your performance and removed yourself and all props from the stage no later than 12:45 p.m.
- Sound equipment will be provided ONLY in the two main performance areas including:
 - 8 channel Mackie 808M powered mixer (600 Watts)
 - Minimum of TWO microphones per system
 - Tripods for main speakers
 - Microphone stands and cables
 - CD player at each system
 - A line-out will be available to connect your own equipment if necessary.

A minimum number of hand held wireless microphones and headset microphones will be available during main performances upon request.

Required Busking Hours:

- Performers are required to perform during their assigned time at the main performance areas as well as during their assigned time in the rotating performance areas. Assigned performance times will total approximately 4 hours each day. You are welcome to take breaks throughout your 4 hours.
- **No sound equipment will be provided in your assigned rotating busking locations, only at the two main performance areas. Buskers must be self-contained.**

Performance Locations

Main performance areas are designated at the two most central pitches in Seaport Village. The two main areas are the West Plaza Fountain and the East Plaza Gazebo. Each busker will be given one designated time at each location.

- West Plaza Fountain: Performances are typically contained in an approximately 30x20 foot area in front of a fountain with ample audience space. The surface is ceramic tile and there is no stage set.
- East Plaza Gazebo: Performances are typically contained in an approximately 30x20 foot area in front of a gazebo. Ample audience space surrounds the performance area. The surface is brick and there is no stage set.
- Busking locations outside of the main areas are diverse in size, sightline and surfaces.

Parking

- Each group will be given validation for one parking spot in the main Seaport Village parking lot. Parking of any additional cars is the busker's responsibility.

Voting

- Approximately ten buskers will be competing for a People's Choice Award. The prize will be a \$500 travel voucher.
- The winning busker will be notified the week of 3/7.

Tips, Stipend, Accommodations and Prizes

- Seaport Village does not guarantee the sponsorship of airfare or accommodations for performers.
- A stipend of \$300 will be provided for each busker or group. If the busker is a group, only \$300 was given, not \$300 per person.
- Stipends will be delivered in-person on Sunday, March 6. If you have not received your stipend by 6 p.m., they can be picked up at the Seaport Village Management Office located above the Tile Shop.
- Buskers will be allowed to collect tips throughout the festival.

Rules, Contract and Insurance

- If you are chosen as a participant of the festival, you will be required to sign a binding contract and agree to the festival rules.
- Insurance is requested for each act (exceptions can be made using management's discretion). If your act includes knives, fire or other dangerous objects, you are required to show proof of insurance and add Seaport Village's entities to it.

Buskers After Dark

- Buskers After Dark will take place on Saturday, March 5th from 7-10 p.m. in the Seaport Village food court.
- Performance times are approximately 20 minutes each.
- 3-4 performers will be chosen to perform and will receive tips and an additional stipend. All other performers are invited to attend the event.
- An agreement to rules, contract and insurance will apply.

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