



Hamilton
Bermuda at its *best*

BUSKER PROGRAM

for the

PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ARTS DISPLAYS

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The City of Hamilton will be hosting a Busker Program which aims to promote and engage local arts and artists by *'taking the arts to the people, on the streets of Hamilton'*. Performance and Visual Arts Zones have been created in specific public places to enliven the City of Hamilton, place increased value on local arts, artists and creative expression and expose members of the public to Bermuda's local talent in free, outdoor public venues.

This program presents a unique opportunity for Bermudian artists to, 1) be seen and heard live in public space, 2) to receive funds from the public for their performance/works and, 3) to promote themselves and their artistic works right in the centre of the City.

Under normal circumstances the holding of exhibitions, busking and street performances is not possible without specific permits. Section 9 (1) (F) of the Summary Offences Act 1926 states:

"Any person who, in any public street, highway or thoroughfare by the holding of any exhibition or show or by the playing of any band, orchestra or music causes a crowd to assemble to the interference with traffic or to the annoyance of any passenger or wayfarer or dweller in the vicinity; commits an offence against this Act."

The City of Hamilton will offer permits to local artists so they may utilize Performance and Visual Arts Zones.

LOCATIONS

Nellie's Walk

Located in front of City Hall, Nellie's Walk is a **Performance Zone**.

- Unplugged Zone - No electric access

Wesley Square

Located at the southwest corner of the City Hall car park, Wesley Square is a **Visual Arts Zone**.

- Acts as an outdoor arts gallery and craft market where registered artists can:
 - Display and market their works
 - Create new works live (using personal resources without destruction or defacement of City property)
- Due to a Food Concession stand in operation in this space please exercise common courtesy and respect.

Queen Elizabeth Park (Formerly Par-La-Ville Park)

Located on Queen Street, inside the main gates of the park, this is **Performance Zone**.

- Full electric access
- Smaller, slightly uphill space
- Performers must be mindful of the noise level so as not to disrupt neighboring businesses

Waterfront Park

Located on Front Street, this is **Performance and Visual Arts Zone**.

- Full electric access
- Display and market their works
 - Create new works live (using personal resources without destruction or defacement of City property)

Dr. E. F Gordon Square

Located on the corner of Court and Dundonald Street, this is **Performance and Visual Arts Zone**.

- Full electric access
- Display and market their works
 - Create new works live (using personal resources without destruction or defacement of City property)

Rain Locations

In the case of rain, artists that wish to continue may move to a rain location nearest to them. These are located, 1) under the porch at the Bermuda Library in Queen Elizabeth Park and, 2) under the portico at the front steps of City Hall. To utilize a rain location artist must first contact the Events Department to confirm availability.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All participants of the Busker Program must be registered with the City of Hamilton.
2. The annual registration fee for administration of the permit is \$30.00.
3. Application forms must be hand delivered to the City offices in City Hall accompanied by a valid proof of identification as well as payment in order to receive a permit. Nature and content of performance/visual art will be taken into consideration for application approval. Approval process takes 48 hours.
4. All performers will be required to have their permit with them at all times while performing. Unregistered performers will be removed from the performance stages until they have completed registration and signed the contractual agreements and received a permit.
5. Registered artists may accept donations from the public, i.e., any funds placed in a hat, guitar case, etc., within Performance Zones *only*. Solicitation of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate termination of the annual permit.
6. The sale or trade of visual arts may be done by Bermudians **or spouses of Bermudians** only. Non-Bermudians may sell their work legally through the Bermuda Society of Arts - a registered arts charity located on the third floor of City Hall
7. Registered artists can utilize the Zones for an unscheduled public performance *any time* a Zone is, 1) available, 2) the space is rescheduled/cancelled, or, 3) a scheduled performance is a no-show. Wesley Square is intended to be shared by multiple visual artists as a gallery/market environment. It is imperative that artists work together to share spaces fairly and contact the Events Department with any concerns. Please note that a food vendor is stationed there and the space must be shared.
8. Artists utilizing any space must be certain to leave it in a clean and orderly state. Visual artists creating works must be attentive not to spill paint or any other substance in the public spaces and art may only be hung for display and not attached in any way that may deface or destroy City property such as the railings. Any damage/defacement will incur a bill for the cost of cleaning/repair to the performer/artist.
9. All participants and observers are responsible for their own safety and safety of personal property. The Bermuda Police Service, emergency personnel or event officials may be called upon for any assistance and any instructions directed by them must be followed by participants for their safety.
10. The City of Hamilton looks to promote the arts and freedom of expression, however, not at the infringement of the rights of other citizens. All displays, performances and exhibits must be tasteful within the boundaries of Bermudian law, hence, no profanity, nudity, defamation, offensive or vulgar behavior of any kind is acceptable. Failure to comply will result in immediate recant of event permit.

APPLICATION FORM

Please Print Clearly

Contact Name:		
Group Name (if applicable):	Type of art:	Visual Performance Circle one
Please give a brief description of your art:		
Email:		
Work:	Home:	Cell:

Please list any other artists/performers associated with this application

Name	Telephone	Email

Would you like to be placed on the City of Hamilton e-mail list?

YES NO

Please indicate location and time preference (subject to approval and availability)

Date	Time	Location

I, _____, understand that performances/exhibits are displayed at my own risk. The City of Hamilton will not be held responsible for any injury, theft or damage to my personal property as a result of my participation in this event. I have read and understood the rules and regulations concerning this event.

Signed _____

Dated _____

For Office Use Only

Approved: Yes No

If No, WHY? _____

Date: _____

Paid: _____

Signature: