

2024 PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 17th Annual Concord Multicultural Festival!

With your participation, we're able to create an engaging event that brings people together to celebrate the diverse heritages that make the Greater Concord community so enriching.

Each year, the Concord Multicultural Festival features a full lineup of performances, food vendors, craft vendors, artists and activities that showcase the many cultures that are represented in our community.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT:

Sindy Chown, Entertainment Director Email: Perform@ConcordNHMulticulturalfestival.org

***By submitting your Performance Application, you are agreeing to these guidelines.

SELECTION PROCESS:

***Completing the application does not guarantee your participation in the Concord Multicultural Festival. The planning committee will review the applications monthly and will confirm with you no later than **August 18, 2024.** Our selection criteria is based on several factors that include budget, locality of group, performance type, and ensuring that a variety of cultures are represented.

FEE/PAYMENT:

Please let us know your requested fee. We value the time and talent of artists and performers, and therefore provide stipends to everyone who is selected. However, as a small, self-funded festival, our budget is limited so we may not be able to accommodate all performers who apply. *If selected, you will receive a check for payment following your performance at the event.

CULTURAL INFORMATION

The Concord Multicultural Festival is about sharing our cultures and learning from others. Using our website and social media, we try to educate the public about the culture of each performance. When completing the application, **please include as much information about your culture as possible:** How is this performance done in your home country? Was it during festivals, weddings, royal events? Is there a story behind the music, songs, dance that is special?

INFORMATION

- PERFORMANCE SPACE: 20' x 16' covered stage or 16' x 21' dance floor on ground. In order to accommodate certain performance setups, we will schedule performances to alternate between stage and dance floor. *Please indicate which you prefer and we will do our best to accommodate.
- DRESSING AREA: There will be a private dressing area available.
- SOUND: Professional DJ and sound equipment provided.
- SCHEDULE: Performances should be no longer than 15-20 minutes in length. The performance schedule will be finalized 2 weeks prior to the event. If you have a preferred time to perform, please let us know. We make every effort possible to follow a schedule, but there may be some minor fluctuations in time, so we appreciate your flexibility and patience.
- ARRIVAL: Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time. If you require more time to set up, please let us know as soon as possible.
- UNLOADING: Please arrive via the Community Center parking lot (14 Canterbury Road, Concord.) You may be required to move your vehicle once unloaded. We will confirm when it gets closer.
- CHECK IN: When you arrive, please check in at the table near the stage.
- SET-UP: Set-up is the sole responsibility of the performer(s), please plan accordingly. If you do require assistance with set-up, please let us know in advance.
- WEATHER: This is an outdoor event and is rain or shine, please plan accordingly.
- SAFETY: Vehicles are not permitted in the Festival area until the audience has cleared and the Festival Director has deemed it safe.
- *More detailed information will be provided closer to the event. In the meantime, please contact us with any questions: perform@concordnhmulticulturalfestival.org

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- This is a family event. Performances should be respectful to all cultures and people. The Festival Committee reserves the right to restrict performances which, because of noise, actions, methods of operation, materials or for any reason, are offensive or become objectionable, and to prohibit or stop performance or activity which, in the opinion of the Festival Committee, detract from the general character of the Festival. This includes anything political that is directly related to a specific candidate or party.
- No alcohol, fireworks, silly string, snap pops or stink bombs.
- No banners, signs or placards shall be attached or affixed to any facility or fixture on the grounds. No staking in the lawn. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage caused to the property during the Festival.
- Due to the outdoor nature and size of the Concord Multicultural Festival, we are not able to be responsible for your equipment, materials, belongings, etc. The Festival assumes no liability for participants' property at any time before, during or after the event.
- Performers are responsible for their own general liability and product liability insurance (optional).
- Locations, procedures, guidelines, and fees are not guaranteed for future festivals.

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Be sure to check out our <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>sign up for our e-newsletter</u> to stay up to date on all the happenings!