

Blue Skies Program

Kalamazoo or Busk!

Permit Performance Year: 2017

Blue Skies—Kalamazoo or Busk! is a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo designed in an effort to encourage the performing arts and provide an opportunity for entertainers to perform for the public and promote their bands, business, and profession. Entertainers are asked to register in order to maintain compliance with special-event outdoor entertainment policies. Blue Skies entertainers perform free-of-charge, but tipping is encouraged. Entertainers may include, but are not limited to, the following: bands, solo musicians, choirs, jugglers, clowns, improv, etc.

Eligibility and Requirements

1. Entertainers are required to register through the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.
2. Entertainers must prominently display their Blue Skies permit during busking performances.
3. Entertainers are responsible for their own amplification which may only be used at pre-approved sites (see map.)
4. Entertainers under the age of 17 must have written consent from a parent or guardian in order to apply.
5. Entertainers under the age of 15 must have a parent or guardian present during all performances.
6. Entertainers must maintain a valid email account for updates regarding available performance space and the like.

Procedures

When weather permits, approved Blue Skies entertainers are permitted to perform outdoors in pre-approved locations in Downtown Kalamazoo (see map.) Performances are limited to the below time slots. Additionally, performances taking place during Art Hop need to be approved by the Arts Council's Art Hop program coordinator, Charlie Tomlinson (ctomlinson@kalamazooarts.org) at least 30 days in advance; day-of scheduling will not be allowed.

Monday – Thursday:	11:30 am–1 pm and 4:30 pm–8 pm
Friday:	11:30 am–1 pm and 4:30 pm– 8 pm (excluding Art Hop)
Saturday:	10 am–9 pm
Sunday:	Noon–8 pm

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo regularly emails and posts to Social Media relevant special events, festivals and other activities occurring downtown that may be of particular interest to Blue Skies entertainers in providing special performance opportunities. To schedule a performance slot(s), please email Charlie Tomlinson (ctomlinson@kalamazooarts.org) with the date and time of choice. Specific locations are on a first-come, first-served basis for each time slot on any given day. Again, day-of scheduling will not be allowed.

Application Process

Blue Skies entertainers are required to complete a new/updated application form each calendar year, as well as provide the following documents, when applicable and upon request.

1. Copy of your valid driver's license or photo ID.
2. Amplification information and requests in writing.
3. Waiver/release for performances classified as extraordinary activities (tumbling, stilt-walking, acrobatics, fire).

PLEASE ALLOW 3 BUSINESS DAYS TO PROCESS YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION.

Blue Skies—Kalamazoo or Busk! Program Coordinator Contact Information

Kalamazoo or Busk! is a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. If you have questions related to this program, contact Charlie Tomlinson at ctomlinson@kalamazooarts.org or via phone directly at (269) 492-1785.

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Street Performance Permit Application: 2017

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Eligibility and Requirements:

1. Entertainers are required to apply through the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo for a permit each calendar year.
2. Entertainers must prominently display their Blue Skies permit during busking performances.
3. Entertainers are responsible for their own amplification, usable only at pre-approved sites (see map.)
4. Entertainers under the age of 18 must have consent from a parent/guardian, and if under the age of 15 there must be a parent or guardian present during all performances.

PLEASE ALLOW 3 BUSINESS DAYS TO PROCESS YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION.

Procedures:

When weather permits, approved Blue Skies entertainers are permitted to perform outdoors in pre-approved locations (see map.) Performances are limited to the below time slots. *Performances during Art Hop evenings require special approval by the Arts Council, at least 30 days in advance. To schedule a performance, email Charlie Tomlinson at charlie@kalamazooarts.org with the date, time and location of choice.

Monday – Thursday: 11:30 am – 1 pm and 4:30 – 8 pm
 Friday: 11:30 am – 1 pm and 4:30 – 9 pm (Excluding Art Hop*)
 Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm | Sunday: Noon – 8 pm

APPLICANT DETAILS

Is this an application for a new permit or renewal? New Renewal – Date Last Permit Expired: _____

Entertainer, First Name		Entertainer, Last Name	
Group Name, If Applicable (If provided, this name will be on the permit. Note: Individuals may not perform with this permit.)			
Address:		City:	State: ZIP Code:
Telephone Number:		Email Address:	

Proof of Identification Type Included with Application: Driver's License Student ID Other: _____
 Must be provided as attachment. If under the age of 18, Parent/Guardian proof of ID also required.

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Performance Discipline: _____

Examples: bands, solo musicians, singers, jugglers, clowns, improv, etc.

Describe your performance:

Will you be utilizing sound amplification? YES NO

If yes, approval is subject to the following regulations in accordance with the Kalamazoo City Code:

- Entertainers requesting the use amplification agree to turn the volume down upon request.
- The amplification equipment must be regulated at a reasonable level.

Does your performance fall under the definition of "Extraordinary Activities?" YES NO

Defined as tumbling, stilt-walking, cycling, acrobatics, activities using fire, etc.

If yes, please read and agree to the following:

A certificate of insurance for general liability for a minimum amount of \$1 million must be submitted with this application and sustained throughout the duration of this permit.

Signature: _____

Do you intend to sell CDs, DVDs or other items related to your performance? YES NO

If yes, please read and agree to the following:

I declare that any item(s) which I sell will only contain my own, original material.

Description of Item(s) for Sale: _____

Signature: _____

AGREEMENT

I, the applicant, understand that if granted a permit, I will perform in accordance with all conditions set forth, and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo reserves the right to revoke the permit at any time. Any liability resulting from activities engaged in by the applicant shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant. **Consent and release of story, likeness, and voice:** I give permission to the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo to use, without charge and without reservation, all or a portion of my story and/or testimonial including my likeness and my voice for publishing and promoting their organization – including but not limited to, publication and promotion on the internet, through the channels of social media, written periodicals and all other forms of electronic and/or written communications. I acknowledge that editorial changes may be made as deemed suitable by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. Whether or not changes are made, I waive any rights of action I may have and release the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo from any and all claims I may have arising from use and publication, including any rights to sue for defamation or violation of rights of privacy or rights of publicity.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONCENT – If Applicable

I, the parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the applicant, do consent and agree to the terms and stipulations of this agreement. I understand that no supervision of performers is provided by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, and performers under the age of 15 require my presence for the duration of all performances.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____