

BUSKER INFORMATION

Event Details:

Anacortes Buskerfest 2016, *presented by the City of Anacortes & The Anacortes Arts Festival*
Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
Downtown Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA

Join us in our beautiful waterfront town, to show off your talent during the Open Streets Anacortes event. This is the third year for Open Streets, an event where we close our main street and encourage everyone to bike, roller skate, skateboard, walk, whatever their preference and just play in the streets! This year, the first year of Buskerfest, we are ready to add a new element and entertain our visitors.

Buskers will be placed throughout the event along Commercial Avenue. Our downtown corridor is a popular stomping ground for both locals and visitors alike. Our summer festivals and events are a great place to find happy, engaged, fun people and that audience is a natural fit for this year's Buskerfest Anacortes.

Definition of *BUSKER*: A person who entertains in a public place for donations

How this busker event works: All buskers must submit an application to participate. If a non-approved vendor comes to the event, we will do our best to accommodate the performer with a location that is non-disruptive to the approved buskers and the event in general.

Money, Money, Money: Approved buskers will be a part of a People's Choice Competition and eligible to win one of two prizes (First place votes = \$250, Second place votes = \$100). The winners will be notified at 2:00p.m. of their awards. Additionally, there will be 10 approved buskers, who each receive a \$50 stipend from us for participating. All buskers are welcome to put out tip / donations jars / hats / cases / whatever.

Appropriate Family Friendly Entertainers include: musicians, magicians, mimes, balloon artists, sketch artists, dancers, martial arts, jugglers, theatrical performers, puppeteers, face painters, etc.

Patience Disclaimer: It's our first year hosting this event, we hope that as artists and entertainers, you will appreciate our efforts to make this fun for everyone. Suggestions are always welcome and we will do our best to accommodate busker needs. Our goal is to create a fun, eclectic entertainment event that showcases performers and puts smiles on the faces of the people coming to Buskerfest & Open Streets Anacortes.

BUSKER APPLICATION

By completing this application, you are agreeing to and understand the following:

1. You are not guaranteed placement, a stipend, or prize money.
2. If approved, you will have an assigned location during the 11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. performance time. Though you are welcome to take breaks, please remember that the more people seeing you perform translates to the possibility of more votes toward the People's Choice Awards!
3. It is expected that you will have a respectful, family friendly performance and demeanor, anything other than that may be grounds for us to ask you to leave the event.

Name:

Performance Name (if different):

Email Address:

Phone:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Website or place to see performance examples:

Type of performance:

Are there other buskers performing with you? If so, please list their names:

Please return this application with any photos, demos, samples, etc. that will help the Buskerfest Selection Committee understand best what we can expect from your performance.

Send to: Anacortes Arts Festival, 505 O Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221 or by email to events@anacortesartsfestival.com.

Application deadline for consideration of a stipend or People's Choice Award: July 15, 2016