North Market Busker Guidelines

"Busker" is an English term for street performer. You’ll find a wide-ranging variety of buskers here at the Market, performing with instruments and tools ranging from spoons, whistles and puppets to violins. Buskers enrich the Market's already vibrant cultural community.

There are 3 locations throughout the Market where performers can entertain Market shoppers for 1-3 hours at a time. Locations are assigned by the North Market Business Office.

Typically, buskers perform for tips only, however, during special events there are sometimes small stipends available, but very limited.

If you are interested in performing, please send an email to info@northmarket.com along with your availability and any music samples. Please include you full contact information including physical mailing address and phone number. Please do not stop by the market business office or call. Email is the preferred method. If email is not viable, please mail a music sample as well as letter of interest to North Market, Attention Market Entertainment, 59 Spruce Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Due to the historic nature of the Market, horns, percussion and amplified music are not permitted. The Market reserves the right to terminate a performance at any time.

All Market performers are required to check in with the North Market Business Office on the second floor of North Market in advance of performance. All performers are scheduled in advance by the North Market Administrative Staff.

Cancellation Policy:

- If the performer cancels at any time, they will not be paid. Performers are requested to provide at least three days’ notice, but more if possible, if they need to cancel a performance.
- Canceling less than 24 hours in advance may jeopardize a performer’s chances for future bookings.
- If the Partner cancels 24 hours or less in advance the Performer will be paid in full.