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.

The North Market's busker program is presented in partnership with the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Music Everywhere Columbus program. Performers are paid by the Arts Council, which matches North Market funds to provide a performance fee of at least $50/hour, per performer.

Locations are assigned by the North Market Business Office. If you are interested in performing, please send an email to info@northmarket.com along with your availability and any music samples. Please include your 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.

Compensation

The compensation rate is $50/hour per performer for those selected for this program. The Arts Council will pay the performer via check or electronic bank transfer (requires performer to be set up in Arts Council’s system). Checks are generally mailed 5-7 business days after the performance is completed. Electronic bank transfers are generally made within 3-5 business days.