Food Truck Food Court Performer Guidelines

Food Truck Food Court takes place every Thursday, from May through October. This is a lunchtime event, with food trucks serving from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We are proud to host the best food trucks in Columbus and give people from across Columbus a lunch break unlike any other.

Below are the guidelines specific to performers at Food Truck Food Court at Columbus Commons:

- Performers must be prepared to perform from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.
- Food Truck Food Court is a rain or shine event, but performances may be canceled in the event of poor weather. This call is made at the discretion of Columbus Commons staff by 9:00 AM on performance days. No fee will be provided to performers if Columbus Commons staff or its proxy provides email, phone, or text notification by 9:00 AM on the performance day, but an effort will be made to reschedule.
- Performance will typically take place under a 10’x20’ tent. Location to be determined with details sent prior to the event.
- Music may be acoustic or amplified. Columbus Commons will provide power, but this is meant to be a plug-and-play type of atmosphere.
- Loading area will be provided at bagged parking meters along the north side of E. Rich St., across the street from 55 E. Rich. A helpful tip is to navigate to 54 E. Rich St.
- Parking will be provided and details will be communicated in advance.
- Ensembles can be any size; if an ensemble exceeds four performers, special considerations may need to be in place. Preference is given to ensembles with one-to-three performers.
- Solicitation of tips is acceptable.
- Performers may offer their music (electronic or physical copies) and/or merchandise for sale.
- Performers may bring signage with their ensemble’s branding. This should be approved in advance as wind and other weather may cause our staff to remove the signage. However, Columbus Commons will also provide signage recognizing the artist.
- Columbus Commons may use photos or videos of the performances for promotional purposes.

Performances at Food Truck Thursdays are presented in partnership with the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Music Everywhere Columbus program.

Performers are paid by the Arts Council, which matches Columbus Commons funds to provide a performance fee of at least $60 per hour, per performer. The Arts Council pays performers via check or electronic bank transfer, which 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. Additional opportunities may become available during the holiday season in conjunction with the Columbus Commons holiday lights, and the same terms will apply.

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