Music on the Mile Performer Guidelines

The Scioto Mile is the signature park in Columbus. From runners, walkers, kayakers, and cyclists, to those who come to relax in the grass and enjoy the views, to the families that come to play outdoors, there is truly something for everyone.

To help enrich the atmosphere for everyone enjoying the park, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation is partnering with the City of Columbus and the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) to provide opportunities for local musicians to perform in this iconic park.

While the Scioto Mile is known for its festivals, the Music on the Mile program is meant to provide a great environment on the days where there are no festivals. Because of this, the schedule is variable. Additionally, there are three potential performance locations, which you can see on the map on the second page as the cyan, yellow, red, and green dots. These locations are referred to as Coleman’s Pointe, The Prow, Rich & Civic Center, and Bicentennial Fountain respectively. The default location will be Bicentennial Fountain.

Below are the guidelines specific to performers on the Scioto Mile:

- Performers must be prepared to perform their set within a 2-hour window.
- Performances will be canceled in the event of poor weather. This call is made at the discretion of CDDC or City of Columbus staff 3 hours before the scheduled start time. No fee will be provided to performers if CDDC staff or its proxy provides email, phone, or text notification 3 hours before the performance start time, but an effort will be made to reschedule.
- Performance will take place at one of the four locations specified. The specific location will be determined by CDDC staff prior to each performance. This is dependent on other scheduled events in the area. Shade may or may not be available, depending on the location and time of day.
- Music may be acoustic or amplified. However, access to power is extremely limited and entirely dependent on location. Therefore, priority will be given to acoustic performances. The use of battery powered amps is acceptable.
- Loading area will be dependent on the specific location selected for the performance but will be communicated before the performance.
- Parking will be provided and details will be communicated in advance.
- Ensembles can be any size.
- Solicitation of tips is acceptable. Performers may offer CDs 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.
- Downtown Columbus may use photos or videos of the performances for promotional purposes.

Performers are paid by GCAC, which provides a performance fee of $75 per hour, per performer. The Arts Council pays performers via check or electronic bank transfer, which requires performers 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.

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Coleman's Pointe in cyan

The Prow in yellow

Rich & Civic Center in red

Bicentennial Fountain in green