

HALIFAX BREWERY MARKET

Market Guidelines

Busking & Performance Art



These guidelines are in effect for 2025-2026, and relate to the market's buskers. Farmers Markets are community builders & place-makers. Halifax Brewery Market welcomes local & travelling artists, performers & buskers to enhance the market's atmosphere.

Performers and Buskers

- Performers should offer acoustic live performance and may offer for sale only their own recordings. Buskers include any kind of performance – song, spoken word, instrumental, miming, juggling, etc.
- There are three designated spaces for entertainers at the market, the Lower Courtyard Steps the Upper Courtyard Steps, and the Exterior Courtyard. Subject to the approval of the market manager, you may occupy another available space.
- Performers may solicit tips by displaying a bowl, hat, instrument case or other receptacle, but not by actively asking for tips or passing around a tip jar.
- Any type of performance that involves harassing market shoppers, panhandling, shouting, disseminating propaganda or other potentially abusive or disruptive behavior will not be permitted. Buskers should maintain a presentable appearance, busking areas should be kept neat and tidy and must be left as found. Buskers should maintain reasonable volume levels (*tolerant to all public; noise does not affect business & conversation*) and be prepared with enough content to fill their timeslot without repeating playlists.
- Market staff may ask the performer to stop at anytime due to excessive volume, inappropriate content, market disruption, or obstructing the flow of customers.
- In the event of a previously scheduled or market-hosted event, priority is given to the market-sponsored event.

HOW TO BECOME A BUSKER

- ✓ Carefully review the Halifax Brewery Market Guidelines above.
- ✓ Send us an email to **buskers@halifaxbrewerymarket.com** or visit in person at the **Information Booth** on any market day.
- ✓ Busker registrations are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- ✓ Login to the market's online busker scheduler to pick your desired dates & times.
- ✓ Out of respect for your fellow buskers, please do not over-schedule your performances (*ie. no more than once weekly, no more than a month in advance*)

Buskers are asked to sign-in at the Information Booth; after returning to busk on 5 separate occasions, buskers will be eligible to have their music sold at the Information Booth and to join our roster of paid musicians available for market events.