

First Night Northampton 2018

Application for Performers

On Sunday, December **31st**, 2017, Northampton presents its **33rd** community New Year's Eve celebration and festival of the performing arts. It is an important occasion for what is a signature event for the City. And this year, we are in transition as the Center for the Arts passes the First Night baton (magic wand!) to the Northampton Arts Council. We work with a collaborative spirit and a mutual goal--to raise funds to support artists and their activities throughout the year. We look forward to your proposal and to creating a diverse, exciting family-friendly program.

Complete the application and submit with the requested support materials **no later than August 31, 2017**. Proposals are reviewed as they are received, so **early applications are recommended**. Please submit separate applications for each proposal. **Proposals without support materials will not be reviewed. IMPORTANT NOTE:** Material that is either snail-mailed or hand-delivered should go to the offices of **the Northampton Arts Council in Memorial Hall at 240 Main Street**. See details below. Email should be directed to arts@northamptonma.gov. Subject line: First Night.

Artist/Group Name: _____ **Number in Group:** _____
Primary contact: _____
Phone (day): _____ **(evening):** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Email: _____ **Website:** _____

Categorize your work by discipline:

Music: _____ **Dance:** _____ **Storytelling:** _____
Theater: _____ **For children:** _____ **Other:** _____

Age group appeal:

Children under 10 ___ All ages ___

Would you describe yourself as a children's performer?

Yes ___ No ___

Please provide a brief description of your act: (attach separate sheet if necessary)

Technical requirements and considerations:

All musical groups (including choral) **MUST** attach a tech sheet with this application. We need to know your equipment requirements, since sound considerations are venue specific and limited. Your application will not be reviewed without this information.

Availability on December 31, 2017:

Day (1-6 pm) ___ Evening (6:30-11:30 pm)___ Either ___

Have you performed at previous First Night Northampton celebrations?

Yes ___ No___

About fees for First Night Northampton:

First Night Northampton is a fundraiser. It is not self-supporting. As a result, the artist fees that we negotiate are considerably less than those offered by other First Night organizations based in larger metropolitan areas. We are fortunate to have so much local talent participating in First Night Northampton. Many performers are community artists who receive no compensation aside from a complimentary First Night button. Your willingness to propose a reasonable fee helps us accommodate the widest variety of programming.

Fee proposed:

\$ _____ for one 45-minute set \$ _____ for two 45-minute sets

Please note: Performers who receive fees do not receive complimentary buttons.

Checklist:

- ___ Completed application (no later than August 31, 2017)
- ___ Current support materials (CD, DVD, or link to free downloadable MP3s)
- ___ Tech sheet (sent by ___ regular mail or ___ email)
- ___ Promotional information (sent by ___ regular mail or ___ email)
- ___ Photograph suitable for publicity use (sent by ___ regular mail or ___ email)

All photos sent electronically must be in high resolution jpg format!

Selection:

Please submit this application as early as possible but **no later than August 31, 2017**. Program decisions are usually finalized by the end of September. Thank you for your interest in First Night Northampton!

Please mail to:

**Attn: First Night Northampton
Northampton Arts Council
240 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060**

In addition, you may hand-deliver clearly labeled materials to the Arts Council office in Memorial Hall at the above address during regular office hours, 9 am-4pm, Monday-Friday. If the office is closed, there is a secure box on the door. You may email bio/promo, photograph (high res jpg only!), links to MP3s and tech requirements to: arts@northamptonma.gov. Subject line: First Night