



APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is seeking local talent – artists, bands, performers – from the Portland Metro Area (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Clark Counties) for paid performances in 2020. PP&R’s **Summer Free For All** and **Gateway Discovery Park programs** produce over 150 free community events each year. These events elevate local arts & culture, build community, activate public spaces, and celebrate Portland!

Performances should be high-quality, reflect the diversity of our community, and appropriate for audiences of all ages. We are specifically looking for:

- Multi-cultural performances that appeal to diverse audiences
- Family-friendly content (including lyrics), though not necessarily kid-focused
- Performances that encourage audience interaction and crowd participation
- Professionalism

Our programming is **community-driven** and **community-focused**, with the goal of presenting a well-rounded menu of arts & culture events for all Portlanders. All artists are selected based on interest and input directly from our community partners. Occasionally, we will present artists who have not applied, but have been specifically requested by the community.

We strive to be equitable and book as many talented performers as possible each year. **Because programming is community-driven, and we receive more artist applications than performance opportunities, selection to perform one year does not guarantee placement the following year.**



2020 Opportunities For Local Artists and Performers

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

- 1) Learn about our programs and all performance opportunities.
- 2) Complete the [Portland Parks & Recreation 2020 Performer Application](#) – let us know which performance opportunities you'd like to be considered for.
- 3) Applications are accepted year-round but priority for the 2020 summer season is given to applications received by **February 15, 2020**.
- 4) PP&R staff book the bulk of performances between mid-February and mid-April each year.
- 5) Artists and performers may email concerts@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-823-5059 with questions about this application process.

NOTE: Applicants who are not selected to perform will not be notified. The 2020 summer event season runs approximately May through September. First consideration for 2020 programming is given to applications received by **February 15, 2020**. All applications will be kept on file for one year for consideration for special events, community celebrations, park grand openings, and other PP&R programs throughout the year.

EVENTS AND PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

We are seeking local talent for paid performances at the following Summer Free For All and Gateway Discovery Park events and programs. **Performers may sell their CDs but may not accept tips.**

Summer Free For All (SFFA)

Summer Free For All offers diverse music from around the world, family-friendly movies, free lunches, art, games, and fun in Portland parks in the summertime. Summer Free For All events are designed in collaboration with community partners who pick the park, suggest the movie title, and help pick the music genre or band. Groups that perform with Summer Free For All play in all types of outdoor settings: parks, plazas, parking lots, amphitheaters, and greenspaces.

SFFA: Concerts - \$1,500 per event

Summer Free For All concerts take place across the city, any day of the week in July and August. Audiences range from 250 to 2,500 people. Concerts consist of 2 sets, roughly 45 minutes each. Performances begin at 6pm on the weekends and 6:30pm during the week. All performances end by 8:30pm. All shows are free, outdoors, and open to the public. Available support and equipment include:

- *Event Producer and Sound Engineer (Front of House plus 2 sound crew)*
- *16'x20' elevated stage (30" minimum height)*
- *Mics, stands, monitors, direct input boxes, chairs, etc., based on your stage plot.*
- *Sound equipment includes soundboard, equalizer, effects units, speaker processing amplifiers, main speakers, and delays as required by audience size.*

Performers are required to provide their own instruments. Acoustic pianos, drums kits, and instrument amps are not provided.

SFFA: Pre-Movie Entertainment - \$500 per event

Summer Free For All presents 10 weeks of movies in parks across the city in July, August and September. Summer Free For All Movies take place Thursday through Sunday, and audiences range from 250-3500 people. Pre-movie entertainment performances consist of 2 sets, roughly 45-60 minutes each. All performances begin at 6:30pm and end before dusk (which varies throughout the summer). Performers load out before the start of the movie. All shows are free, outdoors and open to the public. Available support and equipment include:

- *Event Producer*
- *Technician to assist with set up and line checks*
- *12'x16'x24" stage*
- *4-8 speaker PA system (mains) and main soundboard*
- *2 monitors*
- *Small soundboard for mixing from stage*

Performers are required to provide all other equipment needed to perform (*musical instruments, mics, mic stands, cables, etc.*). Summer Free For All does not provide a sound engineer or live mixing at Movies in the Park.

Gateway Discovery Park

Gateway Discovery Park has staff on-site and runs programs, events, classes and rentals to positively activate space and build community.

- **Gateway Discovery Park**, located at NE 106th and NE Halsey Street, opened in August of 2018 and is the newest Urban Park that focuses on multicultural performances and events with an emphasis on East Portland artists, performers, and entertainers. As a new park with new programming, attendance numbers are not guaranteed, and performers are highly recommended to promote their performances at Gateway through their social media marketing outlets. Performances are located outdoors on the concrete plaza and/or on the Lawn.

Gateway Discovery Park: Concerts - \$1,500 per event

Bring the community together! Bands are selected to meet the park vibe, community input, and ability to entertain and interact with an audience. Audiences may range from 50-500+ people. Our goal is to provide positive activity in the parks to build community and promote safety. Concerts typically consist of (2) sets, (1) encore, and (1) 15-minute intermission. Performances begin at 6pm on the weekends and 6:30pm during the week. All performances end by 8:30pm. All shows are free, outdoors, and open to the public. Available support and equipment include:

- *On-site staff to meet and greet and familiarize performer(s) with the space and ensure park rules and policies are adhered to.*
- *Stage at Gateway Discovery Park: 8'x 8' low-profile temporary stage or performing directly on the cement plaza.*
- *(1) 10x10 tent and a small fan is available to provide shelter and cooling for performers.*
- *Sound engineer with sound equipment per performer stage plot*

Gateway Discovery Park Small Music Gigs: \$150-\$500/per set

Opportunities vary greatly from background/ambient music to intermissions and main events. Performers are selected to meet the park vibe, community input, and ability to entertain and interact with an audience or intended event purpose. Audiences may range from 5-100+ people. Available support and equipment include:

- *On-site staff to meet and greet and familiarize performer(s) with the space and ensure park rules and policies are adhered to.*
- *Sound equipment includes (2) microphones with (2) mic stands, (2) 1000 watt amplified speakers, (2) speaker stands, (1) 16-channel mixer, (3) ¼ inch cords and/or XLR cords, (2) power strips, and (4) extension cords.*
- *(1) 10 x 10 pop-up tent for shade and (1) small fan for cooling.*
- *Stage at Gateway Discovery Park: 8'x 8' low-profile temporary stage or performing directly on the cement plaza.*
- *No sound tech provided. Performers are responsible for mixing their own sound and adjusting sound levels.*

Urban Parks: DJ Times - \$100/per hour



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Background music and vibes for specific activated areas in the park! DJs may perform mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends, during special events, and at daily drop-in activities. Audiences are multi-cultural and range from people walking by, young children playing in the fountain/playground, adults and seniors, and teens practicing their dance moves. All music must be family friendly, non-sexually explicit, and appropriate for the general public, aged infant through 99+. DJ's must be actively engaged in mixing their music, making announcements and interacting with the crowd throughout their sets. Available support and equipment include:

- *On-site staff to meet and greet and familiarize performer(s) with the space and ensure park rules and policies are adhered to.*
- *Sound equipment includes (1) microphone with 1 mic stand, (2) 1000-watt amped speakers with two speaker stands, (3) ¼ inch cords and/or (3) XLR cords, (1) power strip and (2) extension cords.*
- *(1) 10 x 10 pop-up tent for shade and (1) small fan for cooling*
- *(1) 6-foot table*
- *No stage or sound tech provided*

Gateway Discovery Park – Artists and Circus Performers - \$100-\$125/per hour

We occasionally bring in Jugglers, Hoola Hoopers, Magic Acts, Contortionists, Unicyclists, Puppeteers, Balloon Artists, Face Painters and other artists and performers to make the parks lively, welcoming, and/or to supplement bigger events. Performers must be actively engaged in with park users, willing to make announcements about upcoming park events, and interacting with the public throughout their sets. Artists and performers may not accept tips. However, they can sell their own performance related merchandise. Available support and equipment include:

- *On-site staff to meet, greet and familiarize performer(s) with the space and ensure park rules and policies are adhered to.*
- *Small portable P.A. system with corded microphone*
- *No stage or sound tech provided*
- *Performers are required to provide all other equipment needed to perform.*

Gateway Discovery Park - Dance Performances and Public Dance Lessons - Varies

Bring dance outdoors! Imagine having free Bollywood, Swing, Salsa, Zydeco, Hip Hop, and/or Tango dances and more in the parks. Each dance group must provide public dance lesson.

- *Provided amenities vary based on site and type of event.*

Gateway Discovery Park Arts & Culture Program School Groups, Touring Performance Groups, and Organizations

Opportunities for unpaid performances through the Arts & Culture Program are available at Gateway Discovery Park. We encourage arts and culture organizations, schools, non-profits, up and coming performers, etc. that are interested in community outreach and visibility to apply. Performances include theatre, choir, orchestras, “flash” events, aerial acrobatics, marching bands, opera, poetry, spoken word, open air painting, interactive fiber arts, camp performances, and more! Applications are due by **February 15, 2020**. Applications will be accepted past deadline but if booked, performances will not be listed in summer marketing materials.

- For unpaid performance opportunities, check out the [Arts & Culture Program](#) page for FAQs and to learn more, or complete the [2020 Arts & Culture Program Application](#).
- To apply for any of the paid performance opportunities described above, follow the link on page 1 of these guidelines.