



2009 Busker Permit

Yonge-Dundas Square offers an opportunity for established and new street performers both local and international to perform at Toronto's busiest intersection that attracts more than 100,000 pedestrians each day.

Permit Policy

1. **Performance Times:** Please contact the office in advance to ensure no other activity is scheduled which may preclude your performance.
2. Performances are to take place on a first-come-first served basis. Performers are encouraged to accommodate other permit holders by forming a queue and allowing sequential performances. A limited number of permits will be issued to ensure availability of performance time.
3. **Black-out periods will be imposed should major events be scheduled for the Square.**
4. **Sound By-Laws:** Performers must adhere to local sound by-laws. Amplification is permitted but should be kept at moderate levels. Performers must reduce sound levels if requested by Yonge-Dundas Square representatives. *Musical and amplified performances are restricted to after 5:00PM Monday-Friday. Under the by-law, all musical performances must finish by 11:00 pm.*
5. **Fee:** payment can be made by money order, certified cheque or credit card (Visa or Master Card) made payable to **Yonge-Dundas Square**. The permit fee covers administrative costs including SOCAN fees. SOCAN is the agency that administers rights for public performances of music
6. **I.D Card(s):** **Yonge-Dundas Square** will issue a wallet size I.D. card for permitted buskers; must be carried at all times during performance and shown upon request to Yonge-Dundas Square representatives. The permit is not transferable.
7. **Sign in Procedure:** Performers must sign-in by showing their permit ID card to the security officer on duty. The security office is located on the east side of the Square at Dundas Square Street.
8. **Selling:** A Vendor's fee maybe applicable: Any items sold must be approved by Yonge-Dundas Square Management



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9. **By-Law:** The permit holder must adhere to all applicable by-laws including Municipal Code Chapter 636 article III which regulates the use of Yonge-Dundas Square, the Square's performance policy (attached) and the City's Human Rights policy.

10. **Claims & Liabilities:** The permit holder agrees to indemnify the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, its officers and employees and the City of Toronto and its employees from all claims cost and liabilities, which may arise from the granting of this permit. **Yonge-Dundas Square** shall not be liable for loss, damage or injury sustained by the permit holder for any reason whatsoever. Liability Insurance is required (discuss with Yonge-Dundas Management Staff). A copy of the buskers policy must be on file before any performance can commence.

11. **Public Risk or Danger:** No aspect of the performance can pose any danger or risk to the public. No portion of the area used by the street performer should create an obstruction leaving less than 3 metres of passable space; obstruct access to any transit stop, postal box, telephone booth or driveway. No equipment or props may be left unattended at any time. No pavement or installation within the Square may be permanently marked or in any way rendered unsafe for pedestrian use – no spray paint or solvents.

12. **Donations:** Street performers are allowed to solicit donations from the public but should not accost or otherwise interfere in any way with the Square's patrons.

13. **Violation: Yonge-Dundas Square** may in its sole discretion terminate the street performers permit in the event of a violation by a permit holder of any rules, regulations or applicable by-laws. The permit holder may additionally be refused an audition or permit for subsequent permit periods extending indefinitely. Notwithstanding any other provision of this licence the rights hereby granted shall at all times be subject to the paramount right of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to operate the Square. Should Yonge-Dundas Square representatives determine that the permit holder is conducting him / herself in such a manner as to be offensive, a source of danger to the public or a detriment to the Square's operations the Board may terminate this permit without further notice. The permit holder shall not be entitled to any compensation

14. **Termination:** Either party may at any time terminate this permit upon giving ten days written notice to the other party. Any fees paid are non-refundable.



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Busker's Declaration

I/we the undersigned, declare as follows:

IF AWARDED A PERMIT

I will make my Permit and/or photo ID card available for inspection by any authorized person(s) upon request and follow direction issued

I will not transfer this Permit to any other person.

I agree that this Permit does not give me sole use or reservation of a site.

I will use designated sites in restricted areas in accordance with the conditions attached to their use and contained in the Yonge-Dundas Square guidelines

I will not create a threat to public safety, whether real or perceived.

I will notify Yonge-Dundas Square if my performance changes to include the use of any dangerous implements.

I agree to perform material that is acceptable to a general audience contained in the Yonge-Dundas Square Performance Policy.

PERMIT HOLDER

YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

A Parent or Guardian must sign a parental consent form for any busker (individual or part of a group) under the age of 18)

CONSENT DETAILS

I _____ (parent/guardian)
(Print name)

Of _____
(Address)

HEREBY consent to my child/guardian _____
(Print name)

performing as a busker at Yonge-Dundas Square

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I understand that:

1. Yonge-Dundas Square provides no supervision of Buskers under the age of 18 years.
2. Buskers under the age of 18 are subject to the Busking Policy.