

First Night Northampton 2010 Application Form

December 31, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of our community New Year's Eve celebration and festival of the performing arts. It is an important occasion for what has become a signature event for the city of Northampton, and we welcome your interest in participating. Please remember that First Night Northampton is also a major fundraiser for the Center for the Arts and that our primary goal is to raise money to support artists and their activities throughout the year. We look forward to your proposal!

*Complete the application and submit with the requested support materials **no later than August 14, 2009**. Proposals are reviewed as they are received, so **early applications are recommended**. Please submit separate applications for each proposal and indicate if any artist is performing in more than one group. All applications must include labeled support material in the form of a CD or DVD. **Proposals without support materials will not be reviewed**. Please note that support materials cannot be returned.*

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:

Attention musical groups: You 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, 2009:

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 for the Northampton Center for the Arts. 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 (e.g., Hartford or Worcester). 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. An artist's willingness to propose a reasonable fee necessarily influences our final programming.

MINIMUM 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 14, 2009)
- ___ Current support materials (CD or DVD)
- ___ Tech sheet (sent by ___ regular mail or ___ email)
- ___ Biographical 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 jpg format!

SELECTION:

Please submit this application as early as possible but **no later than August 14, 2009**. Program decisions are made on an ongoing-basis, usually before mid-September.

Thank you for your interest in First Night Northampton!

Please mail to:

*Northampton Center for the Arts
17 New South St., Third Floor
Northampton, MA 01060*

You may email biography, photograph (jpg only!), and technical requirements to: ncfa@nohoarts.org.