

ArtBeat Call for Talent

**2014
festival theme:
Hatch**

We're looking for musicians, performance artists, dancers, visual artists, storytellers and all creative people to participate in one of the area's largest public arts festivals

July 18 & 19, 2014 (rain dates: 7/19-20)

If applicable, send in proposals using "Hatch" as an overarching theme. Although bands, for example, don't need to relate a proposed performance to the festival theme (although they certainly are welcome to try), we hope many other applicants will relate their proposals to this year's theme.

We like to think of Somerville as a giant incubator, one in which ideas, dreams and art percolate and ultimately, hatch. And so, this year's ArtBeat theme is "hatch," a celebration of our city's creative endeavors. "Hatch" evokes many things: chirping chicks breaking out of their shells, emerging creative projects and scientific break-throughs, and indie businesses busting onto the scene. Let's also consider "hatch" as a noun, as an opening or compartment in a ship, car or building—places where things can be stashed away from the public eye. TV fans might recall the mysterious "hatch" on *Lost*, a buried steel entryway to the subterranean Dharma Initiative Station. We look forward to your creative interpretations of this year's ArtBeat theme. Dancers might explore emerging from a confined space; tech-savvy artists might share newly hatched innovations in robotics; an artist collective might showcase work that has been created collectively, within an incubator; pet lovers might organize a photography exhibit of newly hatched critters or stage a puppy parade. It's time to bust out of our shells and let our ideas... hatch. We look forward to your creative interpretation of this theme!

Deadline: April 7

How to Apply:

By Email: If you can share support material (music samples, video clips, press clippings) via your Web site or MySpace, please apply by email. Send an email to address below with "ArtBeat Talent Application/[put your genre, whether dance, music, etc.]" as the header. Provide the following info:

1. Name of artist or group
2. Contact info: contact person, e-mail and snail mail, phone, fax and Web site (if applicable)
3. Brief description of performance
4. Technical requirements (beyond typical stage, sound)
5. Number of artists/performers
6. Fee requested and length of performance time
7. Somerville affiliation (if any)
8. Web site or MySpace url.

By mail: Please send information (answer questions 1-7 above) on a single piece of paper and send along with your support material (music samples, DVDs, press clippings, etc.). If you want this material returned to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Email proposals:

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