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First Night Worcester 2011

Event Overview & Activities for December 31, 2010

First Night Worcester 2011 Call to Performing & Visual Artists

Family Festival (2:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

Performances are geared towards young children and family entertainment and may include interactive participation. Performances/activities should be appropriate and vary accordingly for ages 2-10 years. Examples include puppetry, storytelling, music, Sing-alongs, juggling, mime, movement, magic, yo-yo workshops.

Evening Entertainment (7:00 PM - Midnight)

More adult and sophisticated, performances span every genre. Musically, there is everything from rock to Bach; examples in dance include Irish Step and Chinese Swords; comedy spans improvisation and impersonation to vaudeville. Everything and anything is considered in order to offer audiences arts experiences that are diverse, traditional, untraditional, or unexpected.

Visual Arts (outdoor and indoor)

The First Night Worcester outdoor footprint connects indoor performance venues and presents an opportunity for artists to create spontaneous street surprises and large-scale installations. Proposals can, but do not have to, include celebrant participation. Past examples include illuminating the tops of parking meters with hand-decorated lanterns, ice and snow sculptures, a human chess set. (A sculpture created by artists and celebrants for a past celebration is now outside the Worcester Public Library.)

Community Outreach (September- December)

As a means to make the arts even more accessible and involve community members in the creative process of developing and fabricating artwork, outreach programs take place in the weeks and months preceding the First Night celebration and culminate at the event. Programs have been designed with church groups, schools and community organizations and have included: African mask-making, construction of an artistic miniature golf course, choral productions, and a Deaf Youth Theatre. Some residency programs may commence with professional development workshops for arts teachers that are integrated into curriculum.

Venues and Technical Considerations

First Night "borrows" over 20 locations in churches, civic buildings and concert halls to present the celebration. As such, there are limitations of space and technical conditions. First Night tries to accommodate artistic requests with specific requirements. However, being flexible is often necessary and very much appreciated.

Performing & Visual Artists Application

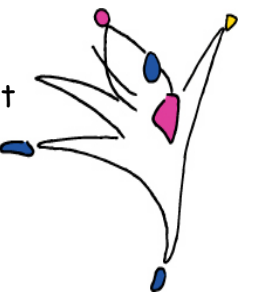
*Calling All Performing & Visual Artists. . .
First Night Worcester 2011*

Be part of First Night Worcester ~ the largest New Year's Eve festival in
Central Massachusetts on December 31, 2010.

FIRST NIGHT WANTS YOU!


Music • Dance • Puppetry • Comedy • Vaudeville • Storytelling • Theater •
Juggling • Visual installations • Improvisation • Ventriloquism • Mime • Magic!

Let Worcester be your stage...both inside and out...think big...be creative...
Performance and visual artists of every genre are welcome to apply.




First Night Worcester 2011 Applicant Guidelines


Selection Process:


 Complete the attached application and submit with requested support materials. This application may be photocopied or downloaded at www.FirstNightWorcester.org. Please submit a separate application and support materials for each proposal.


Indicate if any artists are participating in multiple groups that are applying to perform.


 Applications **MUST INCLUDE** labeled support material in the form of a CD, DVD, Video, or Web-link that reflects the artist's proposal and is **representative of their work**. Press kits or images alone are not an acceptable substitute but may be included.


Proposals without specified support materials will not be reviewed. Support material will only be returned if a self-addressed container with sufficient postage is included.


 Program committee members, who are representative of a wide range of disciplines, review proposals which are considered based on artistic merit, total cost, appropriateness for different audiences, technical and space feasibility, and how it fits within the context of the overall event.

 Outreach programs and residencies should take place in schools or in the community from September to December and must culminate in a performance, activity or installation at the event.

 In order to fit within First Night scheduling, most performances take place within a 45-minute period and might be repeated 2 or 3 times consecutively with 15-30 minute breaks between sets to clear the house for new audiences.

 If submission is for an outdoor installation, artist must commit to oversight of set-up, implementation and breakdown on December 31, 2010. Be sure to include any associate costs and volunteer support needed in your proposal.

 Agents applying on behalf of artists should provide an application form and support materials for each artist wishing to be considered.

 Artists are eligible regardless of race, gender, national origin, or physical ability.

Submit by mail to:
First Night Worcester
PO Box 351
Worcester, MA 01614

Additional Questions:
Phone ~ 508.799.4909
www.FirstNightWorcester.org
info@FirstNightWorcester.org

Deadline for Proposals: April 9, 2010



First Night Worcester 2011 Application Form

Deadline: April 9, 2010 — Please Print Clearly

All submissions MUST include a CD, DVD, Video or Web-link

Artist/Group Name: _____ Number in Group: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Secondary Contact: _____

Phone ~ Day: _____ Day: _____

Eve/Cell: _____ Eve/Cell: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

CATEGORIZE YOUR WORK BY DISCIPLINE/STYLE AND AUDIENCE AGE APPEAL. CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY.

| MUSIC | INTERACTIVE/MOVEMENT/SPOKEN WORD/VISUAL | AGE GROUP APPEAL |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Ballet | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadway Musical | <input type="checkbox"/> All Ages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blues | <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy | <input type="checkbox"/> Children under 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choral | <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Children over 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical | <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive | <input type="checkbox"/> Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Teens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folk | <input type="checkbox"/> Juggling | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hip Hop | <input type="checkbox"/> Magic | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz | <input type="checkbox"/> Mime | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opera | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pop | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock & Roll | <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swing | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

VERY IMPORTANT - Please provide us with a fun, creative and brief description (not a biography) of your performance for use in our program book that will be sure to attract audiences!

Please check here if you are submitting more than one application in which you would be performing.

Please attach a tech sheet with this application and describe any special technical/staging requirements.

FNW performances run approximately 45 minutes. Indicate length of program/performance: _____

Fee requested: \$ _____ 1 show \$ _____ 2 shows \$ _____ 3 shows

Other (explain) _____

If this is NOT a performance, attach an itemized total project cost/budget on a separate sheet of paper.

When are you available to perform? _____ day _____ evening _____ both

If you are performing or exhibiting in this area in the next few months, please email details to:
info@FirstNightWorcester.org

Checklist:

- Completed application
- Current support materials (CD, DVD, Video or Web-link only) (Proposals without proper materials will not be considered.)
- Return envelope with postage (only if you want materials returned)
- Tech sheet and listing of any special technical requirements
- Press materials and photo/images (optional)

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