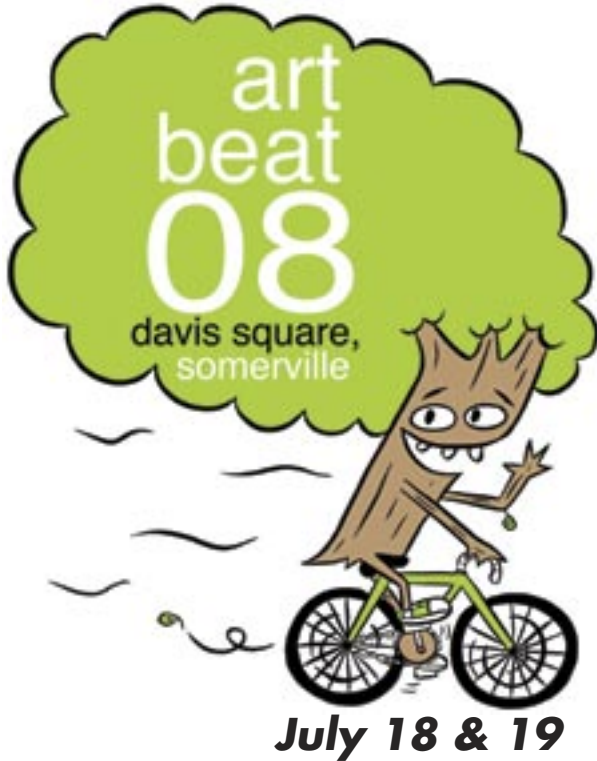


Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Arts Council invite you to...



Artists and festival goers converge at Davis Square, transforming it into one of the area's largest and most innovative arts festivals. This year our theme is GREEN! Artists of all kinds and community organizations will explore all things green in a variety of ways. There will be a "Different Spokes" bike exhibit, bike valet parking, a green architecture showcase, a Green Brigade parade and a roving tree. There will also be bands, dance, 100 craft vendors, food and art/green activities galore.

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July 18 ArtBeat by Night [Rain date: July 19, same times]:

Park Stage, Seven Hills Park (behind Somerville Theatre)

- 6:00PM Secret Agents (dance)
- 6:30PM Diatribe and Q Public (Somerville hip hop)
- 7:15PM Rota Temporis (from Italy)
- 8:15PM Freezpop (pop)
- 9:15PM Akrobatik (hip hop)

July 19 ArtBeat by Day [Rain date: July 20, same times]

Park Stage, Seven Hills Park (behind Somerville Theatre)

- 12:00PM Flooky and the Beans (for kids)
- 1:00PM La Tuza (Mexican son)
- 2:00PM Sneaks (indie power pop)
- 3:00PM Los Nitodos (Cumbia, Tex Mex, Bachata)
- 4:00PM Roll Over Baby (blues/rock)
- 5:00PM Township (rock)

Elm Street Stage (corner of Elm St. and Chester St.)

- 12:30PM Knuckledusters (swing/rockabilly)
- 1:30PM Save Our Somerville & Teen Empowerment (hip-hop)
- 2:30PM Audrey Ryan (indie-folk)
- 3:30PM David Wax Museum (Americana/country/folk)
- 4:30PM Shrinking Islands (indie pop/rock)

Somerville Theatre (Dance Showcase, 55 Davis Square)

- 1:00PM Beat Tree
- 2:00PM Weber Dance
- 3:00PM Ka Hui Hula Kamawila
- 4:00PM Zoe Dance

Elm Street Plaza (between Starbucks and Chipotle Grill)

- 11:45PM Sunsetters (Somerville youth/show tunes)
- 12:30PM PeanutButter & Jelly Dance Company (for kids)
- 2:00PM Pixie Sticks (for kids)
- 3:00PM Ruckus Muckus (for kids)

Statue Park & traffic islands in heart of festival

All Day "Different Spokes" bike exhibit, decorate your bike station for kids, bike valet parking service, Tufts Traveling Trunk theater, Green Architecture showcase, a City Smart Car exhibit and numerous art- & green-themed interactive activities

Throughout the festival

all day 100 craft vendors lining Elm and Holland streets
5:15PM Green Brigade Parade (kicks off at main traffic island in Davis Square)

ArtBeat by night: Fri., July 18th

Music and Mixed-Media in Seven Hills Park

6:00PM **They Gotta Be Secret Agents**

They Gotta Be Secret Agents perform a brilliantly imaginative form of physical theater with live musicians, effortlessly moving back and forth between acrobatics, puppetry and dance. Their poetically beautiful, absurdly logical show is by turns funny, dazzling, and, in the end, surprisingly poignant.

6:30PM **Diatrobe and Q Public**

Diatrobe and Q Public are a Somerville based group who have been performing around Greater Boston for years. Their dynamic style is a far cry from the empty, dance crazy rap that bombards the radio. Through vicious and direct commentary on contemporary America, the duo addresses issues like urban discontent, racism, politics and drug abuse.

7:15PM **Rota Temporis**

Comprised of 6 members, the band's unique style surrounds the revival and performance of ancient middle ages songs and popular melodies, enriched by a touch of fantasy. Rota Temporis offers an exciting live performance enhanced with powerful rhythmic base and striking costumes. Rota Temporis' repertoire ranges from medieval melodies from different cultures, to songs drawn from renaissance collections, all with personal ballad arrangements by famed international pipe bands. From Italy!

8:15PM **Freezepop**

Freezepop has always been something of an oxymoron: embraced by both hipsters and nerds; serious about irony; and retro-futuristic. Formed in Boston in the summer of 1999, Freezepop is comprised of Liz Enthusiasm, the Duke of Pannekoeken, and Sean Drinkwater. Their most recent album, Future Future Future Perfect is a natural fit on videogame soundtracks. Their single "Less Talk More Rokk" was the iTunes #4 dance/electronic song of 2007, and the band recently swept the Boston Phoenix/WFAX Best Music Poll 2008, winning the local categories of Best Band, Best Live Act, and Best Album.

9:15PM **Akrobatik**

Akrobatik's varsity rhyme career hatched in 1998, when "Ruff Enuff," dropped on Boston's Detonator Records. In '03, Ak signed with New York label Coup D'Etat for his full-length debut LP, Balance. The record launched Akrobatik into the global arena and won him first prize in the prestigious International Songwriting Competition. Back home, he clocked his first of two Boston Music Award trophies for Best Hip Hop Act. Within recent years, Ak penetrated hip-hop's greater critical consciousness as one-third of The Perceptionists with Mr. Lif and DJ Fakts One. Their 2005 Def Jux release, Black Dialogue, became the only indie rap project to register on Rolling Stone's Top 50 Records of the Year list. Ak has shared stages with cult, fringe and commercial rap heroes ranging from Edo G. and Guru to The Roots, Fat Joe and Eminem.



top to bottom: They Gotta Be Secret Agents, Akrobatik, Freezepop, Rota Temporis

ArtBeat Sat., July 19th

MUSIC ON THE PARK STAGE, SEVEN HILLS PARK (BEHIND SOM. THEATRE)

12:00PM Flooky and the Beans

Flooky & The Beans is a Popular Children's Rock Group and the brainchild of Baystate Illustrator, Rob Zammarchi. Flooky is a Futuristic Thinking Robot obsessed with technology who meets up with the Beans who try to impress upon him an appreciation for the beauty and wonders of nature. As they discover their mutual love for music, they build a better world in this engaging hour of musical entertainment for kids of all ages.

1:00 PM La Tuza

La Tuza is the only Mexican roots band in Boston, and one of just a handful on the East Coast. "Son" originated in Central Mexico, and is a fusion of Spanish, African, and indigenous music. La Tuza specializes in the African-influenced "son jarocho" of Veracruz, the swinging "son calentano" of the Mexican Hotlands, and the fiery "son huasteco" of the Huasteca region. The all-acoustic instrumentation includes jaranas, guitar, violin, cajon, pandeiro, tamborita, and a donkey jawbone!

2:00PM The Sneaks

The Sneaks are a five-piece rock band from Boston that enjoy writing short bursts of energetic indie/power pop with some subtle quirks. They take as inspiration Merseybeat and 60's garage rock along with 90's-style indie rock to forge a sound that is catchy but not mind-numbingly sweet. Bands that have helped shape their music include the Kinks, Sloan, Squeeze, Built to Spill, Beulah and the New Pornographers.

3:00PM Los Nitidos

Los Nitidos blends styles like Cumbia (Columbia), Tex Mex and the fast-paced rhythms of Bachata (Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic) to create a singular sound. This seasoned seven-piece band, which released "Mi Lindo el Salvador" in 2001, features two singers, guitars, bass, drums, conga and guero. Whether fast and feisty Bachata or sweetly syncopated Cumbia, Los Nitidos creates sounds perfect for dancing.

4:00PM Roll Over Baby

Driving to the core of humanity, booze, and social observation motivated straight from street poetry, R.O.B. sings and shouts with the soul-grit serenades of Baptist church born master Kemp Harris teamed with the underground, whiskey-driven vocals and viscous harp of Adam Oh. The thick, "less is more" attack of guitar with the CLAAAACK! snare hit of drums and the cannon kick BOOOM! of bass drive the band forward with second line soul calling on the Ancestors.

5:00PM Township

The Boston Phoenix has declared Township an official "Supergroup" with their "transcendent bout of 70s stadium rock that sounds like The Who on steroids with an Afro-Latin twist." Nominated for two 2007 Boston Music Awards and winners of the 2007 WBCN Rock n' Roll Rumble, Township has shared stages with Incubus, BRMC, The Bravery, Extreme, The Click Five, The Mooney Suzuki, Richard Lloyd, Bad Wizard, The Drive-By Truckers and Alice Cooper.



from top: Flooky & the Beans, La Tuza, Sneaks, Los Nitidos, Roll Over Baby, Township

ArtBeat Sat., July 19st

MUSIC ON THE ELM STREET STAGE (CORNER OF ELM AND CHESTER STREETS)

12:30PM **Knuckledusters**

The Knuckledusters are an emerging presence on the local Boston rockabilly scene, and their high powered live show has been ardently received. Forming in the summer of 2006, the band has been picking up speed and playing clubs to car shows all over New England. The members of the Knuckledusters have years of performing experience in multiple other bands; their sound is classic American rockabilly combined with a modern swing interpretation.

1:30PM **Save Our Somerville Hiphoppers**

SOS and Teen Empowerment present an array of urban artists from Somerville. The collaboration of hip hop, spoken word and poetry gives a voice to young individuals who represent their lives as Somervillians in a way that only they can.

2:30PM **Audrey Ryan**

Audrey Ryan is an indie folk multi-instrumentalist (accordion, guitar, keyboard, banjo). Her music is an eclectic form of experimental folk, singer-songwriter indie rock of some alien breed using backwards loops, finger pianos, and other unique instrumentation. She is best known among her fans for rocking songs on the accordion about depression and medication. To use a press quote: "Ryan is like Joni Mitchell and Radiohead playing some kind of hybrid indie music — and this is why her stuff is so good."

3:30PM **David Wax Museum**

The David Wax Museum is a smart, compelling Americana quartet that infuses traditional Mexican son into its literary, countrified folk music. Born and raised in mid-Missouri, David Wax graduated from Harvard in 2006 before heading to Mexico for a year to learn traditional son mexicano. The new instruments and rhythms he brought back to Boston add an innovative injection of Mexican son to the Americana folk he has been crafting for years. The David Wax Museum also features Suz Slezak, Jiro Kokubu, and Jack McGrath.

4:30PM **Shrinking Islands**

The Shrinking Islands mix the propulsive, jangly sound of early REM and their Athens cohorts with a stripped-down aesthetic borrowed from the classic days of indiepop. The Cambridge-based band was formed in 2004 as a two-piece consisting of drummer Andy Tefft and singer/ guitarist Kyle Bittering. Their first album "In the Black Carpet" was released by Sort Of Records in 2006.



from top: The Kuncklebusters, Audrey Ryan, David Wax Museum, Shrinking Islands

ArtBeat Sat., July 19

DANCE SHOWCASE AT SOMERVILLE THEATRE (55 DAVIS SQUARE)

1:00pm **Beat Tree**

Beat Tree is a collaboration between choreographers, dancers and artists committed to exploring all forms of dance, rhythm, poetry, and performance art while staying true to African roots. Their presentations, incorporated with live drumming and spoken poetry, will include a thematic choreo-poem whose theme is centered on “finding place”, “KouKou” a traditional West African piece and “Djorolen” which focuses on the birth/rebirth cycle of life. The pieces presented will be a fusion of traditional West African dance with contemporary elements.

2:00PM **Weber Dance**

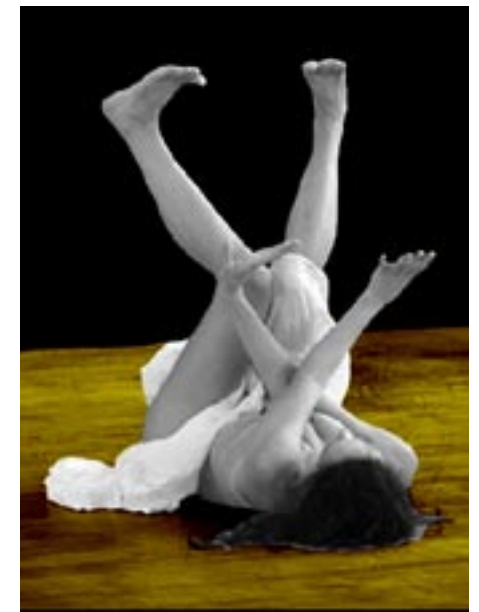
Weber Dance — where mind, metaphor and movement intersect — is a contemporary dance company exploring the vast expanse of human expression revealed through the extraordinary nuance of the body in motion. At ArtBeat they will be performing “Vestige,” a piece written by Andrew Arnett surrounding memory and reflexion.

3:00PM **Ka Hui Hula Kamawila**

Ka Hui Hula Kamawila (Somerville Hula) presents Na mele o ka ‘aina (The Songs of the Land)—a performance of traditional and contemporary hula. Calling on rich dance traditions of the Hawaiian people, this performance explores a connection to the natural environment through story-dances featuring Hawaiian places, plants, flowers, animals, weather phenomena, and folk heroes. The show is family-friendly, since most of the kolohe lyrics are in Hawaiian.

4:00PM **Zoe Dance**

Founded in 2002, Zoé Dance has presented works by Callie Chapman Korn, Ivan Korn, Emily Beattie and Meghan Ballog. Zoé Dance continues to perform in publicly accessible venues in order to make the art of dance an approachable art form for all and to heighten the awareness of dance in the Boston area and beyond.



from top: *Beat Tree*,
Weber Dance, *Ka Hui Hula*
Kamawila, *Zoe Dance*

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ELM STREET PLAZA HAPPENINGS (BETWEEN STARBUCKS & CHIPOTLE GRILL)

11:45PM Sunsetters

Comprised of 32 Somerville teens, the Sunsetters is a traveling singing and dancing group that performs modern renditions of classic Broadway and popular dance tunes. A popular group in the 1970s and 80s, Mayor Curtatone reinstated the Sunsetters during the summer of 2005 as part of his goal to increase youth programming in the city. The Sunsetters are under the direction of Michele Keating, and choreographers Marybeth Brennan and Susan McNamara.



12:30PM PeanutButter & Jelly Dance Company

Green the plaza in this workshop/performance for families! Help the Peanut Butter&Jelly Dance Company create and perform a new dance among the holes and spaces within a green landscape of ribbons and fabrics.



2:00PM Pixie Sticks

The Pixie Sticks are an inter-generational band of Arlington and Somerville residents who love playing and singing with little kids and their families. They will entertain with their lively, interactive sing-along; singing songs like “Wheels on the bus”, “Riding in the car” and “Oh susannah”! Come see them play mandolin, bass, coconuts, sandpaper, autoharp and guitar.



3:00PM Ruckus Muckus

Unsuspecting passers by may not make much note of an unassuming tree in their path. That is until they startle at a well-timed rustle! Imagine if you will a curious tree come to fantastical life with greenery chasing little kiddies through the street. Ruckus Muckus, a Somervillian performance artist promises you a giggle (or perhaps two) when you discover the real surprise hidden inside!



THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL (ALONG HOLLAND AND ELM STREETS)

All Day 100 Craft & Art Vendors!

The streets of Davis Square will be transformed into a mecca of hand-crafted wares with our largest ever assortment of artists and artisans. Returning ArtBeat icons such as BrooksMorris (Buckaroo’s Mercantile), Raelinda Woad (Storyteller Jewelry), and Don Sawyer (Fine Art & Dine Art) will be joined by a slew of debuting craftsters, including Carrie Kan henna body art and Skeintiy Clad’s handpainted and handspun yarn.

from top: the Sunsetters, the Pixie Sticks, PeanutButter & Jelly Dance, a necklace by Twigs and Heather, one of the 100 craft vendors

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GREEN EXHIBITS & ACTIVITIES IN & NEAR STATUE PARK
(CENTER OF DAVIS SQUARE, BY STORE 24)

All Day 'Different Spokes' Bike Exhibit (big traffic island)

Enthusiasm for biking and art converge in this gallery of unique and artistic bikes. Don't miss Bill Turville's Fish Bike or the bike created by children in the Arts Council's Art in a Garden program.

All Day Bike Valet (Dover Street)

Leave your bike in a safe, contained Active Living Zone with Shape Up Somerville. Browse ArtBeat without walking your bike around. Leave your seat, helmet, light and bike — risk free. Located at Dover Street, at the heart of the festival.

All Day Bike and Helmet Decorating Center

Decorate your bike or helmet with the Somerville Arts Council! Give your bike some love and personality with paper, ribbons, recycled materials, bells and whistles! Or help decorate the bike canoe!

All Day Bicycle Riding School Informational Table

Want to jump back on after a 20 year bike break? Sign up to learn how — bring biking into your everyday life!

All Day Green Activity Area

Activities include Somerville Climate Action's scavenger hunt and Groundworks Somerville's Food Miles Game. Or children can participate in Redbone's art card table and Somerville Recreation Center's 'design your own container' craft. There will also be performances by Tufts Traveling Trunk (1pm & 3pm).

All Day City of Somerville Goes Green!

Somerville is the first city to make the Smart Car its official vehicle. At the festival one of the city's four new Smart Cars will be on display, along with one of the city's new Prius vehicles. The city will also have a looping video of its new TV show "Going Green," which includes tips on how to save the environment without spending a lot of money. Also on hand, folks from 311 and Resi-stat.

All Day Green Architecture Display

Come learn about sustainable housing from local leading experts in green design! Learn about the WGBH building's green roof installation with Apex Green Roofs; check out Paul Lukez Architecture's reconstructions of "dead malls" and Green Goat's architectural salvage business.

5:15 Green Brigade Parade

Join the parade on foot or on wheels! Show off your newly decorated bike or display the green-themed creation you made with Groundworks Somerville. The parade leaves the large traffic island at 5:15.



from top: Illustration by Jef Czekaj, Bill Turville's Fish Bike, one of the city's new Smart Cars.