

ArtBeat Call for Talent

**2015
festival theme:
Loops**

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 17 & 18, 2015 (rain dates: 7/18-19)

If applicable, send in proposals using "Loops" as an over-arching 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.

This year's ArtBeat theme is "loops," a celebration of all things that loop, encircle, repeat and play back in endless cycles. We invite artists and all community members to explore how looping—the repetition of a pattern, sound or idea—informs a work of art or a concept. "Loops" evoke many things: music that repeats a riff throughout an entire song or performance, a dance in which movement suggests circles, or a visual work of art that suggests planetary orbits. Perhaps we need a parade that circles the Davis Square block repeatedly throughout the festival, or a theatrical performance in which scenes are repeated in Groundhog Day-esque fashion. It's time to abandon linear thinking! It's time to loop back. We look forward to your creative interpretation of this theme!

Deadline: April 6

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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