

# ArtBeat Call for Talent

**2017  
festival theme:  
voice**

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 14 & 15, 2017** (rain dates: 7/15-16)

If applicable, send in proposals using "voice" 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 "Voice," a celebration of all things that have to do with being vocal —both literally and figuratively. How does a community find a collective voice and be heard? How does an individual find a voice to speak up and share thoughts, desires and frustration? From sotto voce to a loud roar, voices can take on all volumes, tones and timbres. What's your voice — and how does it harmonize or perhaps clash with other voices? Thinking in a more expansive way, voice doesn't have to be vocal or audible — it is more about advocacy. Someone doesn't always have to speak out loud to be heard; voice can embody all types of expression. We look forward to your creative interpretations of this theme — whether it's a proposed puppet show about a girl who loses her voice, dance choreography that addresses the voices we hear in our heads, or a sound installation about how giving voice can affect change. Surprise us! Get Vocal!

**Deadline: March 27**

## How to Apply:

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

1. Name of artist or group
2. Contact info: contact person, addresses, phone number, and website
3. Brief description of performance
4. Technical requirements (beyond typical stage, sound)
5. Number of artists/performers
6. Length of performance time and fee requested
7. Somerville affiliation (if any)
8. Website, links or .mp3 samples of your work
9. Links to press, videos, and other support material

**Email proposals to:** [somartscalls@gmail.com](mailto:somartscalls@gmail.com) with "ArtBeat Talent App" in the title

