

Permit Policy

1. **Performance Times:** Tentative availability will be emailed biweekly to all busker permit holders.
 - a. Black-out periods will be imposed when events are scheduled at Yonge-Dundas Square.
 - b. The daily schedule will be decided by a lottery, to be run by any present buskers at the lottery time. It is expected that buskers will abide by the rules of the lottery and that the lottery will require no supervision by staff or security.

THE LOTTERY SYSTEM

Names will be drawn, and the first name gets the first pick of the available times, the second name gets the second pick and so on.

- If there are more available slots than buskers, the names will be redrawn with the same lottery system described above.
 - If you get a later slot, you can leave and come back for your scheduled time.
 - Please be back at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time.
 - If you are not onsite to set up at the time your slot begins, another performer will be given the opportunity to perform in your slot.
 - If there is more than one person who wants to fill in the spot, names can be drawn, or a game of rock, paper, scissors will determine who fills in.
2. **Sound By-Laws:** Performers must adhere to local sound by-laws and Square restrictions. Amplification is permitted but should be kept at moderate levels (no power is available on-site). Generators are not allowed; battery power may be used.

****It is not the intent of YDS Management that noise from the buskers dominates the neighbourhood. Sound should not FILL the Square, be audible down Yonge Street or impede buskers across the street. Volumes must be kept to a level that encourages a circle to form but not loud enough that it is the dominant sound in the intersection.***

Performers must reduce sound levels if requested by Yonge-Dundas Square representatives, even if it is already below 80dB, and at all times, sound must be lower than 80dB as measured from the sidewalk at Yonge Street. ***Musical and amplified performances are restricted to between 12 pm – 2 pm and 5 pm – 9 pm Monday-Friday and between 9 am – 9 pm on weekends and holidays is allowed. Under the by-law, all performances must finish by 9:00 pm SHARP.***

3. **Fee:** Payment can be made via credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or cash.
4. **Permit:** A permit will be issued to all performers in a group, and their information must be available to YDS staff upon request; this must always be available by viewing by Security of YDS Management if requested (photo ID may be required). ***The permit is not transferable.***
5. **Sign-In Procedure:** Performers must sign in by showing their permit ID and photo ID to the security officer on duty. The security office is located on the east side of Yonge-Dundas Square.
6. **Selling:** A Vendor's fee may be applicable. Items sold must be approved by YDS management.
7. **By-Law:** The permit holder agrees to indemnify the Yonge-Dundas Square Board, its officers, employees and the City of Toronto from all claims, costs and liabilities which may arise from the granting of this permit. Yonge-Dundas Square shall not be liable for loss, damage or injury sustained by the permit holder for any reason whatsoever. Liability Insurance is required, and a copy of the busker's policy must be on file before any performance can commence. *Please see YDS Management for more information on Insurance requirements.*
8. **Public Risk or Danger:** No aspect of the performance can pose any danger or risk to the public. No portion of the area used by the street performer should create an obstruction, leaving less than 3 meters of passable space; obstruct access to any sidewalk, transit stop, postal box, telephone booth, driveway, or the City Sightseeing Booth.
9. **Donations:** Street performers are allowed to solicit donations from the public but should not accost or otherwise interfere in any way with the Square's patrons.
10. **Violation:** Yonge-Dundas Square may, in its sole discretion, terminate the street performer's permit in the event of a violation by the permit holder of any rules, regulations, or applicable by-laws. The permit holder may additionally be refused an audition or permit for subsequent permit periods of extending indefinitely. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this license, the right hereby granted shall at all times be subject to the paramount right of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to operate the Square. Should Yonge-Dundas Square representatives determine that the permit holder is conducting themselves in such a manner as to be offensive, a source of danger to the public or a detriment that to Yonge-Dundas Square's operations, the Board may terminate this permit without further notice. The permit holder shall not be entitled to any compensation.
11. **Termination:** Either party may at any time terminate this permit without cause upon giving 10 days written notice to the other party. Any fees paid are non-refundable.

Busker's Declaration

I/We, the undersigned, if awarded a permit, declare as follows:

- I will adhere to the rules and regulations outlined in the Permit Policy and accept that failure to adhere to these could result in the termination of this agreement.
- I will follow rules and procedures of the Online Timeslot Sign-Up form.
- I will make my Permit and/or photo ID available for inspection by any authorized person(s) upon request and follow the directions issued.
- I will not transfer this Permit to any other person.
- I agree that this Permit does not give me sole use or reservation of a site.
- I will use designated sites in restricted areas in accordance with the conditions attached to their use and contained in the Yonge-Dundas Square guidelines.
- I will not create a threat to public safety, whether real or perceived.
- I will maintain valid Liability Insurance for at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence with the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management and The City of Toronto as additional insureds.
- I will notify Yonge-Dundas Square if my performance changes to include the use of any dangerous implements.
- I agree to perform material that is acceptable to a general audience contained in the Yonge-Dundas Square Performance Policy.

PERMIT HOLDER

YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE

Date

Date

A Parent or Caregiver must sign a separate parental consent form for any busker (individual or part of a group) under the age of 18. See YDS Management for a parental consent form.