

In attendance:

- President: Darcie Champagne - Prescott Park Arts Festival, NH
- Vice President: Chloe Powell - Barn Arts in Barnard, VT and ALIA Productions
- Treasurer: Vicky Pittman - Colonial Theater in Keene, NH

- Liza Sacheli- Mahaney Arts Center, VT
- Cassie Mason- NH State Council of the Arts
- Michele Bailey- VT Arts Council

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What comes to mind when thinking of Street Performers?

Meeting people where they are at- inclusive and accessible by nature

Circle show- the shape folk make around the performers

Very adaptable show- expressing physically and adapting to the culture of the place they are performing

Big Arts Festivals are using street performers

Edmonton, Adelaide, and Edinburgh Fringe Fests all have strong outdoor street performance happening.

Pflasterspektakel Linz, Austria

Festival of Fools, Burlington, VT

Pros of Street Performance

Little production value

Authentic, spontaneous, low-risk, special, affordable, less is more

Can really add to a larger experience

Best to place where the traffic is- and it will accumulate or it can bring awareness to a space when hiking

Creating Magical Memorable Moments

What Street Performers Need

People traffic & focus

Self-contained

Quiet space (not next to a generator)

Flat open area with no (or very high) ceiling and room for people to gather

Environmental consideration (sun/shade for the audience)

Payment: Fee vs. Hybrid

Hybrid = smaller stipend or retainer and hat the show

Also great for MC-ing special events, getting folks to an event

Often times Street Performers aren't on creative ground but if they are they would be under circus and comedy

Busking festival example- (in addition to Festival of Fools) Lawrence Busking Festival in Lawrence, Kansas

Can really bolster all kinds of different events like bridge events, art walks, fundraising events

Also most street performers have school-age appropriate and family-appropriate shows.