

Performances will run from 2 pm - 6 pm.

The all band concert will be held on the Main Stage of Harvard Square's Oktoberfest. In addition, some bands will play sets on smaller stages around Harvard Square throughout the afternoon.

# AND ALL BAND CONCERT HONK! IN HARVARD SQUARE

Parade departs from Davis Square at 12 pm. & wraps up in Harvard Square at approximately 2 pm.

Oktoberfest celebration.

Parade from Davis Square down Mass Ave to Harvard Square to "Reclaim the Streets for Horns, Bikes and Feet", featuring HONK! bands and community groups, from Davis Square to Harvard Square's

## THE (VENERABLE) HONK! PARADE



Band performances from 1 - 9 pm. Join artist groups on Elm Street from 1-5 pm during to create

Opening ceremonies begin at 12 pm in 7 Hills Park.

More than 25 activist street bands from around the world perform all day, outdoors, for free at venues around Davis Square.

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# O WHAT IS HONK!? O

HONK! is a three-day festival bringing activist street and brass bands from all over the United States and the world to Somerville and Cambridge for a celebration of music, community, art, and activism. HONK! is organized entirely by volunteers, is free, and is full of exciting, joyful and exhilarating music as well as actions for social change.

Throughout the country and across the globe, a new type of street band movement has emerged. It is mostly brass, but all outrageous and exciting. Sometimes called a brassroots revolution, these bands draw inspiration from sources as diverse as klezmer and hip hop, as well as the New Orleans second line tradition, and deliver with all the passion and spirit of Mardi Gras and Carnival.

Acoustic and mobile, these bands play at street level, typically with no stages to elevate them above the crowd and no sound systems or speaker columns to separate the performers from participants. They don't just play for the people, they play among the people and invite them to join in the fun. They are active, activist, and deeply engaged in their communities, at times alongside unions or grassroots groups in political protest, or in community-building activities. At full power, these bands create an irresistible spectacle of creative movement and sonic self-expression directed at making the world a better place. This is the movement we call HONK!

The festival starts on Friday afternoon when a few of the bands lead a number of neighborhood- and family-oriented lantern parades. There are kick off showcases at local venues on Friday night. Then over two dozen bands liven up Davis Square on Saturday from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. and activist artist groups take over Elm Street for the afternoon. The fun continues on Sunday afternoon when you can watch the annual HONK! parade to 'Reclaim the Streets for Horns, Bikes, and Feet' from Davis Square to Harvard Square, with even more bands and groups ranging from artists to schools to activist groups. Finally, HONK! bands play in Harvard Square after the parade on the main stage and around the square. Many bands will be teaming up with local non-profit organizations throughout the weekend, including a large demonstration at the Boston ICE detention center.

HONK! in Somerville has inspired a number of other brass band festivals, in Providence, Brooklyn, Seattle, Austin, Detroit, Vermont, and even in Australia and Brazil. HONK! is an all-volunteer effort, which relies on generous contributions from local residents, businesses and City services. We appreciate your support!

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