



SUNDAY PROGRAM



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

THE (VENERABLE) HONK! PARADE

12 NOON – 2 PM

FROM DAVIS SQUARE TO HARVARD SQUARE

Parades combining activist bands, community groups, and activist groups have been an important part of our Honk! Festival since it began in 2006. Our 2026 Honk! Parade from Davis Square to Harvard Square is our largest by far, with over 65 bands and community groups! The parade starts at Herbert and Day Streets in Davis Square promptly at 12 noon, and begins to arrive at Harvard Square around 1:15. Our parade theme, as it is every year, will be “Reclaim the Streets for Horns, Bikes, and Feet!”

HONK! IN HARVARD SQUARE

2 – 6 PM

**ALL-BAND CONCERT ON THE MAIN STAGE
& SETS AROUND HARVARD SQUARE**

30 performances take to Harvard Square's Oktoberfest Mainstage in a rapid fire HONK! revue. Meanwhile, longer sets will take place throughout the afternoon at 4 performance areas around Harvard Square: Eliot Triangle, Church Street, Palmer Alley, and in front of Charlie's Kitchen.

3 – 4 PM

WINTHROP PARK

THE ULTIMATE JAM SESSION

WITH BOSTON MUSIC PROJECT & HONK!

Join us in Winthrop Square for a high-energy, hands-on music-making jam! Families and young people are invited to grab some sticks, percussion instruments, or even bring your horn and join in alongside special guest musicians from the HONK! Festival and Boston Music Project. No experience needed—just bring your energy and get ready to make some joyful noise together!

1 – 3:30 PM

CAMBRIDGE KIOSK

MAKE A BUTTON FOR HONK!

Make your own custom button with HONK! logo, write Honk! in a different language decorate it your way and turn it into a beautiful button guided by Community artist Missy Arellano. In collaboration with Cambridge KiOSK, just behind the main stage at the former location of the Out of Town newstand.



@ HARVARD
SQUARE
OKTOBERFEST

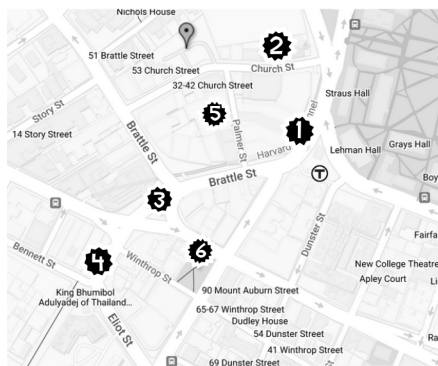
MAINSTAGE RUNNING ORDER

2-6PM (ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE)

2:00 PM	BOSTON MUSIC PROJECT EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION BAND IDEAL MAINE SOCIAL AID AND SANCTUARY BAND CONICAL CACOPHONY EMPEROR NORTON'S STATIONARY MARCHING BAND FUNKRUST BRASS BAND THE PARTY BAND
3:00 PM	8-BIT BRASS BAND UNITY STREET BAND YES MA'AM BRASS BAND MAY DAY MARCHING BAND BRASS BALAGAN BRASSICA AND THE WILD SPROUTS UNDERTOW BRASS BAND RARA BEL POZE
4:00 PM	SINGING RESISTANCE THE BREAD AND PUPPET CIRCUS BAND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY THE JAMAICA PLAIN HONK BAND (JP HONK) BRASS SOLIDARITY DETROIT PARTY MARCHING BAND FORWARD! MARCHING BAND
5:00 PM	RUDE MECHANICAL ORCHESTRA LEFTIST MARCHING BAND DC ACTIVIST STREET BAND EXPANDABLE BRASS BAND BRASS LIBERATION ORCHESTRA ALL FOR ONE BRASS BAND GOOD TROUBLE BRASS BAND
6:00 PM	SCHOOL OF HONK

PERFORMANCE VENUES

	ELIOT TRIANGLE	CHARLIE'S KITCHEN	CHURCH ST	PALMER ALLEY
2:00 PM	JP HONK	GOOD TROUBLE BRASS BAND	EXPANDABLE BRASS BAND	FLY BY BRASS BAND
2:30 PM	UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY	BRASSICA & THE WILD SPROUTS	BRASS LIBERATION ORCHESTRA	LEFTIST MARCHING BAND
3:00 PM	IDEAL MAINE SOCIAL AID & SANCTUARY BAND	FORWARD! MARCHING BAND	SCHOOL OF HONK	BREAD & PUPPET CIRCUS BAND
3:30 PM	DC ACTIVIST STREET BAND	BRASS SOLIDARITY	THE PARTY BAND	RUDE MECHANICAL ORCHESTRA
4:00 PM	ALL FOR ONE BRASS BAND	BAND TOGETHER PICKUP BAND	YES MA'AM BRASS BAND	THE BRASS BALAGAN
4:30 PM	CONICAL CACOPHONY	DIRTY WATER BRASS BAND	SASS -A- BRASS	UNITY STREET BAND
5:00 PM	8-BIT BRASS BAND	RARA BEL POZE	MAY DAY MARCHING BAND	EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION BAND
5:30 PM	EMPEROR NORTON'S STATIONARY MARCHING BAND	FUNKRUST BRASS BAND	DETROIT PARTY MARCHING BAND	UNDERTOW BRASS BAND



- 1 HARVARD SQ MAINSTAGE**
- 2 CHURCH STREET**
- 3 ELIOT TRIANGLE**
- 4 CHARLIE'S KITCHEN**
- 5 PALMER ALLEY**
- 6 WINTHROP PARK**

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS,
& THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WHO HELP MAKE
HONK! POSSIBLE.

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WHAT IS HONK!?

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 evening when a few of the bands lead a number of neighborhood- and family-oriented lantern parades. There are kick-off showcases at two 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 places like 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!

