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# **HONK! IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS**

## ***Bands from around the world kick off festival in East Somerville***

Boston, MA – Boston, MA – The fourth annual HONK! Festival kicks off this Friday, October 9 in East Somerville! Starting at 5:30 p.m., street bands from around the world will parade from the Sullivan T stop to the Broadway Public Library in support of the library and East Somerville Main Streets.

"We've never done anything like this before," said John Bell, a HONK! Festival organizer, "but we wanted to spread the amazing Honk experience to other communities in the Boston area, and of course the Honk musicians have been totally supportive."

Coming all the way from Italy, the Pink Puffers, a thirteen-member jazz and funk marching band, will join Somerville's own Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band and the Somerville High School Marching band for Friday's parade.

"We're very excited to be part of HONK! Festival," said Chuck Chuck, from Emperor Norton's Marching Band, "There's nothing else like HONK! and East Somerville Main Streets is a great cause."

The three-day festival of activist street bands continues Columbus Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday in Somerville's Davis Square. HONK! is a grassroots, non-profit event made possible by more than a thousand local residents, businesses, and volunteers.

To learn more about HONK! and see the full schedule of events, visit [Honkfest.org](http://Honkfest.org) and follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/honkfest](https://twitter.com/honkfest).

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