

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION
City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Application #: PEL16-000164
File #: 16-012576

Organization name: Ellen Godena - Choreographer and Mobius Artists Group member

Description: Tree is a sited durational butoh dance performance work for thirteen dancers scored to unfold over a three-hour period on College Avenue in Davis Square area of Somerville as a procession and develops into a performance in the Powderhouse park several blocks away. Developed during several months of rehearsals on site, TREE evolved through the exploration of the physical and energetic qualities of an individual tree or grove of trees in the park. Imagery was developed using butoh-fu, a choreographic method that utilizes imagery as content for somatic exploration in butoh dance. Each mover and her tree work with unique images to embody a different aspect of worlding, described by German philosopher Martin Heidegger as a gerundive and generative process of world-making, world-becoming, and world bringing-near.

Audiences are invited to view the performance from multiple vantages throughout its duration.

Date(s): Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Setup starts at (time): 12:00 pm

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 4:00 pm

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 50 audience

Maximum attendees accommodated: Not applicable

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free

Social or cultural benefits:

This dance performance highlights humanity's relationships with trees and the natural environment. We seek to enhance the felt quality of this relationship for residents and audience members through our performance.

City Contact:

Organization mailing address:

92 Liberty Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Event name: TREE

Location: The dance performance begins with a simple one-line procession of dancers down the College Avenue sidewalk from the T Station to Powderhouse Park. The majority of the performance occurs in the Park.

Rain date(s): No rain date

Event starts at (time): 1:00 pm

Event ends at (time): 3:00 pm

Total people attending: 50 audience

Total Somerville residents attending: 35 residents

What is your budget for this event: \$2,000

Financial benefits:

We hope that audience members will patronize local businesses in the Davis Square area prior to and following the performance.

Contact person:

Ellen Godena
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Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Food served?	No	
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	No	
Sidewalks blocked?	Yes	College Ave sidewalk from the T Station to Powderhouse Park, partially for the first 20 minutes of the performance
Arrangements:		
Auxiliary Police?	No	
Police Detail:	No	

Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	No	
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Powderhouse Park
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	No	
Alcohol License?	No	

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Jill Lathan, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: CS Traffic and Parking, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

Reviewer: Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: David Monte, Police, Approved

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By Ellen Godena – Choreographer and Mobius Artists Group member

"Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows how to speak to them, whoever knows how to listen to them, can learn the truth. They do not preach learning and precepts, they preach, undeterred by particulars, the ancient law of life." –Hermann Hesse

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Where: The performance begins at 1pm on the Somerville Bike Path at the intersection of Davis Square and continues down College Avenue towards Powder House Park where the performance unfolds from 2-3pm.

When: 1 – 3pm, Saturday, September 24, 2016

Choreographer: Sara June

Dancers: Julie Becker, Margaret Bellafiore, Emily Cobb, Jessie Hansen, Melanie Hedlund, Sandy Huckleberry, Sara June, Victoria Patnaude, Katya Popova, Ofri Rieger, Elaine Thap, Anna Wexler

Costuming and Visual Design: Ellen Godena and Katya Popova