

# PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL21-000018

File #: 21-005479

**Application for:** Public Event

**Organization name:** Emily Beattie

**Description:** Hyphae is a performance attended both online and in public pop-ups that remaps audiences? biases through a mythic contagion embedded in the movement and text-based show. The work will premier in September 2021 in Chuckie Harris Park in Somerville, MA. Collaborators, Emily Beattie, Rosa Weinberg, and U-meleni Mhlaba-Adebo hold up a speculative future in which a contagious fungus has been found to eradicate biases as a long term symptom. During Hyphae, we collaboratively build a new world with the audiences.

Witnessing Hyphae allows the contagion to spread widely through the audience. Our larger goal is to evoke an audience-performer reflection on bias and in-group behavior and for that reflection to echo post-performance. The structure of the contagion-performance includes identifying bias, breaking biased thought, and rebuilding a new connected thought pattern through improvisation. Movement, text, sound, and audience interactive sections of the work are the resonant carriers.

Audiences experiencing Hyphae, see Emily Beattie's movement through several decentered points of view, both extremely close to the skin as well as her full frame outdoors. The movement responds to discussions of bias, words by U-meleni and audiences? spontaneous input.

Rehearsal of show in park without invited audience by with public and performers

09/13/2021 4-8pm

09/14/2021 4-8pm

09/15/2021 4-8pm

09/16/2021 4-8pm

09/17/2021 4-8pm

Performance in park with invited audience, performers, and public

09/18/2021 5-9pm

09/19/2021 4-8pm

**Date(s):** 09/13/2021, 09/14/2021, 09/15/2021, 09/16/2021, 09/17/2021, 09/18/2021,09/19/2021

**Setup starts at (time):** Event occurs everyday for a week at varying hours see the dates/times above

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** Event occurs everyday for a week at varying hours see the dates/times above

**Entertainment:** The performance itself is the entertainment.

**Attendees:**

**Event name:** Hyphae

**Location:** The location is Chuckie Harris Park in East Somerville. This park is located on Cross Street.

**Rain date(s):** 09/25/2021,09/26/2021

**Event starts at (time):** Event occurs everyday for a week at varying hours see the dates/times above

**Event ends at (time):** Event occurs everyday for a week at varying hours see the dates/times above

**Temporary Structures:** A small tech table for a projector set up in the park.

Max attendance at one time: 15

Maximum attendees accommodated: 50 or whatever the current guidance is

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** N/A this is a free public performance.

**Social or cultural benefits:**

Hyphae is a solo outdoor performance. The public in the park will witness the text and movement as public art. Hyphae is interactive and audiences will be invited to participate by logging onto a posted site for participate. This imaginative solo is meant for collective dreaming and the design of the work encourages people to join in even impromptu.

**Event Contact:** Emily Beattie

Total people attending: 40

Total Somerville residents attending: 30

**What is your budget for this event:** \$15,000. Payment for process, artists and costume.

**Financial benefits:**

Audiences that come to the area will pay for parking and could frequent restaurants in East Somerville. The performance will keep people in the park longer than usual which could result in patronage of the nearby area.

**Event Contact Phone:** 6172568789

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**Event Information**

**Yes/No**

**If yes, Describe**

Open to the public?

Yes

We will use the social media feeds of all three artists involved to promote. We are partnering with the Somerville Arts Council who will also help with promotion and outreach. We will also contact EastSomerville Mainstreets to locally partner. I also envision some postering all along Broadway to get the word out.

Food served?

No

Caterer used?

Alcohol served?

No

Grill/open-flame device used?

No

Streets blocked?

No

Sidewalks blocked?

No

**Arrangements:**

Police Detail:

No

Parking (for Attendees)?

No

Restrooms?

No

Liability Insurance?

Yes

I will take out liability insurance to cover myself as an independent artist performing in the park

Will any public parks be used?

Yes

Chuckie Harris Park

Has the event occurred in the last two years?

No

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**Approved By:**

**CS Mayor, Approved with Conditions**

Must have Parks and Recreation approval for park use.

**Scott Whalen, Approved**

**Albert Bargoot, Approved**

**CS Traffic and Parking, Approved**

**Christine Morin, Approved**

**Dennis Sullivan, Approved with Conditions**

If a tent bigger than 10 x 10 feet is going to be used, a permit needs to be pulled from fire prevention.

**Maureen Lee, Approved**

**Jill Lathan, Approved**

**John J. Long, Approved**