

**PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**  
**City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Application #: PEL15-000171**  
**File #: 15-010245**

**Organization name:** BRAIN Arts Organization

**Description:** See attached.

**Date(s):** 9/19/15

**Setup starts at (time):** 2PM

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** 9PM

**Attendees:**

Max attendance at one time: 50

Maximum attendees accommodated: N/A

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** None.

**Social or cultural benefits:**

See attached.

**City Contact:**

**Organization mailing address:**

109 Beacon St.

Somerville, MA 02143

**Event name:** BRAIN Arts Organization Presents:  
Grass Stains Somerville

**Location:** Statue Park Davis Square Statue Park

**Rain date(s):** None.

**Event starts at (time):** 3PM

**Event ends at (time):** 8PM

Total people attending: 500

Total Somerville residents attending: 450

**What is your budget for this event:** See attached.

**Financial benefits:**

See attached.

**Contact person:**

Harrison Bralower

Telephone: 630-200-6177

Email: harrison@brain-arts.org

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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?	No	
<b>Arrangements:</b>		
Auxiliary Police?	No	
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	Yes	See attached.
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Davis Square Statue Park
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	See attached.
Alcohol License?	No	

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**Approval Conditions:**

**Reviewer:** John J. Long, City Clerk, Approved

**Reviewer:** CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

**Reviewer:** CS Police, Police, Approved

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

**Reviewer:** Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved

**Reviewer:** Jill Lathan, Recreation, Approved

**Reviewer:** John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

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## **BRAIN Arts Organization Presents: Grass Stains at Davis Square**

### Event Description

BRAIN Arts Organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit (letter of determination attached) local music and arts group, is applying for permits and licenses required to host a no-admission, all-ages outdoor show at Davis Square Park in Somerville, MA on September 19, 2015. There is no rain date for this event. The expected attendance is a maximum of 50 people at any one time with an estimated 500 total audience members, including passersby, over the course of the concert. Approximately 450 of these 500 are estimated to be Somerville residents or people passing through Davis Square during the day. The maximum number of people that can be accommodated is the capacity of Davis Square Park. The event has no formal budget, all artists are invited to play for free and transport their equipment at their own cost.

The event will have live, amplified music at in the park (see **Figure 1**) from 1PM-7PM with prerecorded music playing off a portable device in between sets while bands break down and set up. 12 live bands will play 30-minute sets each. BRAIN also intends to have several (10 or fewer) artists sell crafts and wares at the event. This event is identical in format and audience to the successful and engaging outdoor concerts BRAIN Arts has hosted this year at Ringer Park in Allston, Jamaica Pond, and Revere Beach as well as several other events in 2014. Event setup will take place from 11AM-1PM and breakdown will occur from 7PM-8PM.

The following artists are tentatively scheduled to play this event but are subject to change:

- 1PM-1:30PM: Hands and Knees
- 1:30PM-2PM: Barbazons
- 2PM-2:30PM: w00dy
- 2:30PM-3PM: Nick Neuberg
- 3PM-3:30PM: White Pages
- 3:30PM-4PM: Forbes Graham Ensemble
- 4PM-4:30PM: Con Tex and the Forgotten Jam
- 4:30PM-5PM: Doug Tuttle
- 5PM-5:30PM: Whip Appeal
- 5:30PM-6PM: Skinny Bones
- 6PM-6:30PM: Huff Daddy
- 6:30PM-7PM: Muddy Wires

Further information about these bands and their music is available upon request.

The event will be promoted through several channels. BRAIN's music blog Boston Hassle (<http://www.bostonhassle.com>) will host information about the event. BRAIN's social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) will also be used for advertisement. BRAIN will also use the

Boston Compass, its newspaper project with wide distribution in the Boston metro area, for advertisement. Flyers may be posted in permitted public outdoor spaces as well as private indoor spaces such as bars, cafes, and concert halls.

#### Event Setup

Bands and a PA system will be set up in Davis Square Park in the events circle (see **Figure 1**). The audience will convene around this area. Art market tables will be set up at the perimeter of the park along College St.



**Figure 1:** Davis Square Park. The entire event, including live music and art market, will take place in this area. At right in the figure is College St., where art market tables will be set up.

The PA system will include two speakers on stands and a sound board for live mixing provided by BRAIN Arts Organization. Bands may bring their own amplification equipment if desired. All equipment will be powered by 120VAC inverters run off of 12VDC deep-cycle, marine-grade batteries. This setup was used by BRAIN for two outdoor concerts last year and four concerts in city and state parks so far this year. Unlike a generator this setup does not require a permit from the Somerville Fire Department. Signs may be posted on each table but no banners will be hung and no booths or displays will be erected.

#### Arts and Crafts Market

BRAIN has been organizing a large (~100 vendors) local, independent arts and crafts market every other month since October 2014. In order to raise the profile of local artisans and musicians, BRAIN would like to invite select (~10) vendors from this event series to table at the



concert. **There will be no vending of any food at this market, only sales of art, crafts, etc. Therefore, no vending permits should be required for this event.** BRAIN will provide all tables, chairs, and other infrastructure for this event. This small market will greatly help to promote BRAIN's next installment of its large art market the next day (Sunday 9/20).

#### Impact on Somerville

Grass Stains offers many social and cultural benefits to Somerville and the Davis Square neighborhood. Culturally significant live music from local, independent performers with no age restrictions, let alone at no cost, is extremely hard to find in the Boston metro area and BRAIN is committed to providing all ages, at-cost programming whenever it is feasible. Moreover, providing a soundtrack to the neighborhood's activities inherently makes the space a more interesting and engaging place to be as well as encourages interaction between members of the community. Somerville's strong support of the arts in public spaces (particularly HONK!, a philosophically-similar event much larger than Grass Stains) demonstrate that the city understands these values that we promote. Economically, this event has historically had a robust (~50 people) audience of Boston Hassle and Compass readers who will contribute to the local economy by eating at local restaurants and shopping in the area. This will be particularly true on 9/19 as BRAIN's concert-booking operation, Boston Hassle, will be hosting a concert at nearby Cuisine en Locale (a 10-minute walk down Highland Ave. from Davis Square) later that night.

#### Event Security

Security will be provided by BRAIN volunteers unless a police detail is required to be present at the event as a condition of obtaining a public event permit. The permit applicant/day-of on-site manager (Harrison Bralower) will be responsible for addressing matters such as rowdy behavior and any actions that violate the terms of the permit should they arise. BRAIN volunteers will also provide general help for event guests (e.g. locating a nearby restroom, providing directions). Security will be identified with armbands. Police and fire departments will be immediately notified of any issues that require their assistance or intervention. In case an incident for which BRAIN is held liable does occur the organization does hold a \$1,000,000 general liability insurance policy that covers events such as this one.

#### Event Contact Information

For more information regarding this event or to request changes to the application please contact the applicant, Harrison Bralower, at 630-200-6177 or at [harrison@brain-arts.org](mailto:harrison@brain-arts.org). Please mail any documents, permits, or licenses to:

Harrison Bralower  
109 Beacon St.  
Somerville, MA 02143

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: SEP 09 2014

BOSTON HASSLE CORPORATION  
25 CREIGHTON STREET  
JAMAICA PLAIN, MA 02130-0000

Employer Identification Number:  
46-2199793  
DLN:  
26053625001344  
Contact Person:  
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
509(a)(2)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
March 8, 2013  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 5436

BOSTON HASSLE CORPORATION

Sincerely,

*Tamera Ripperda*

Director, Exempt Organizations



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**William Francis Galvin**

Minimum Fee: \$15.00

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Corporations Division  
One Ashburton Place, 17th floor  
Boston, MA 02108-1512  
Telephone: (617) 727-9640

**Articles of Amendment**

(General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7)

Identification Number: 462199793

We, DANIEL JEAN SHEA II ☒ **President** ☐ **Vice President**,

and CHRIS MICHAEL COLLINS ☒ **Clerk** ☐ **Assistant Clerk**,

of BOSTON HASSLE CORPORATION

located at: 25 CREIGHTON ST. #3 JAMAICA PLAIN, MA 02130 USA

do hereby certify that these **Articles of Amendment** affecting articles numbered:

☒ Article 1 ☐ Article 2 ☐ Article 3 ☐ Article 4

*(Select those articles 1, 2, 3, and/or 4 that are being amended)*

of the Articles of Organization were duly adopted at a meeting held on 12/15/2014, by vote of: 2 members, 3 directors, or 0 shareholders, being at least two-thirds of its members/directors legally qualified to vote in meetings of the corporation (or, in the case of a corporation having capital stock, by the holders of at least two thirds of the capital stock having the right to vote therein):

**ARTICLE I**

The exact name of the corporation, **as amended**, is:  
*(Do not state Article I if it has not been amended.)*

BRAIN ARTS ORGANIZATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose of the corporation, **as amended**, is to engage in the following business activities:  
*(Do not state Article II if it has not been amended.)*

**ARTICLE III**

A corporation may have one or more classes of members. **As amended**, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointments, the duration of membership and the qualifications and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, may be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation or may be set forth below:

**ARTICLE IV**

**As amended**, other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the business entity, or of its



directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:  
(If there are no provisions state "NONE")

The foregoing amendment(s) will become effective when these Articles of Amendment are filed in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7 unless these articles specify, in accordance with the vote adopting the amendment, a *later* effective date not more than *thirty days* after such filing, in which event the amendment will become effective on such later date.

**Later Effective Date:**

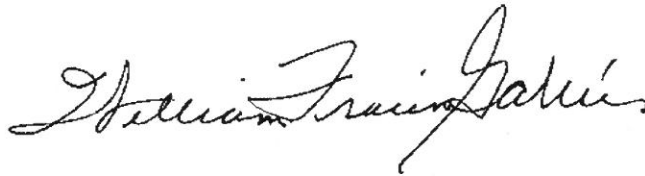
Signed under the penalties of perjury, this 28 Day of January, 2015, DANIEL JEAN SHEA II , its ,  
President / Vice President,  
CHRIS MICHAEL COLLINS , Clerk / Assistant Clerk.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

I hereby certify that, upon examination of this document, duly submitted to me, it appears that the provisions of the General Laws relative to corporations have been complied with, and I hereby approve said articles; and the filing fee having been paid, said articles are

deemed to have been filed with me on:

January 28, 2015 10:54 AM

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Francis Galvin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" at the end.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*