

**PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION**  
**City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Application #: PEL14-000059**  
**File #: 14-007375**

**Organization name:** Maiden Phoenix Theatre Company

**Event name:** The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare

**Description:** Maiden Phoenix Theatre Company is a Boston Fringe Theatre Company committed to telling stories about women: where we are, where we were, and where we are going. We are committed to giving opportunities to female theater artists, onstage and off, by having at least 51% female involvement in all aspects. We focus on plays that tell women's stories, past, present, and future, in the hopes of breaking down stereotypes, breaking through barriers, and reaching a more equal world. For our second season, we are planning an outdoor production of William Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale reimagined to have at least 50% female actors and will be directed by Sarah Gazdowicz.

**Location:** 850 Broadway Nathan Tufts Park

We would like this production to take place in mid to late August 2015. We are planning a 3 week long run of the show. Dates would be weekends: probably Friday(early evening), Saturday(matinee and early evening), Sunday (matinee and early evening) and show times would be determined once we know whether we have access to power for lighting equipment. If power is not an option we would want to do shows during daylight hours only. The show would run a maximum of 2 hours and 30 minutes. We would need an hour and a half before each show for step up and preparation and about an hour after each show to break everything down.

Ideally we would like to produce the piece outdoors in one of the Somerville Parks. We were thinking Powderhouse Park would be the best atmosphere for the piece but are open to other possibilities or suggestions based on what is available.

We would like to make this a free show, open to all ages, at which we take donations, and sell concessions (if permitted) in order to clear the costs for the show.

Access to electrical outlets would be preferred, but it is not required. If access to electricity is not available, we would still be able to produce the show.

During our last production, we were able to fill a 40-seat house for almost the entirety of our 11-show run, so we expect around 50 people to attend each showing of The Winter's Tale, possibly more because a free show may attract a wider audience.

**Date(s):** August 14,15,16, 21,22,23,28,29,30 ideally. And we would like access to the park to do Technical rehearsal August 9th to 13th to be ready for opening

**Rain date(s):** no

**Setup starts at (time):** various. see discription

**Event starts at (time):** various, see description

**Cleanup after the event ends at (time):** 1 hour after event ends

**Event ends at (time):** sun down

**Attendees:**

Max attendance at one time: 70

Total people attending: 40 to 50

Maximum attendees accommodated: 1000 over 3 weeks

Total Somerville residents attending: 40

**What is your budget for this event:** 5000 total

**Attendee fees or suggested donations:** suggested donations of 10 to 20 dollars

**Social or cultural benefits:**

Bring theatre arts to the community. Promoting female artists,

**City Contact:**

**Organization mailing address:**

42 Belknaps St #2 Somerville MA 02144

**Financial benefits:**

establishing Somerville as a home for more diverse art will benefit the community. There is still very little live theatre that takes place in Somerville

**Contact person:**

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<b>Event Information</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>If yes, Describe</b>
Food served?	Yes	concessions table available with refreshments
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	if required yes. All performers and staff sign insurance waivers
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Nathan Tufts Park or another park if this one is unavailable
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	No	
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:** Ben Lipham, ISD Health, Approved with Conditions

**Reviewer:** CS Recreation, Recreation, Approved

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

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