

**Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg (*Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg*)
Bezirksamt Hamburg-Mitte (*Local Authority*)**



Information Sheet for Street Music and Theatre, valid from 01. February 2017

Street artists add to the life of the city centre. However, we are sure you understand that not all residents appreciate your performance, particularly if you perform in one location and repeat your show constantly. Therefore, it should be our mutual aim to avoid the involvement of the authorities on the basis of regulations for the prevention of health-endangering noise or on Hamburg's Law concerning roads and paths or other laws on offences. We can only achieve that if you comply with the following rules in performing your music or street theatre:

1. **Street performances are not permitted between 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. any day of the week.** During the remaining hours performances are **limited to max. 30 minutes** at one location. Another location has to have a minimum distance of **150 meters** to the previous one.
2. **Unplugged and rather "low volume" instruments like guitars and violins or street music/pantomime will be condoned. Loud instruments such as drums and trumpets of all kinds, bagpipes etc. as well as amplifiers, CD-players or similar and speakers of any kind may not be used at all. Exemptions from clause 2 will be allowed in conjunction with artistic performances, e.g. Sunday openings, under certain conditions. You will need to apply for written consent at the address below. The application has to be handed in at least six weeks prior to the desired performance. Please note that the application will incur costs regardless of whether consent will be granted or not.**
3. **The use of loud instruments, amplifiers or speakers without written consent (as mentioned under 2.) will lead to immediate prohibition and may initiate regulatory offence proceedings. Also we will charge a fee for the unauthorized special use.**
4. **Performances on Rathausmarkt (place in front of the town hall) including Reesendammbrücke (the bridge opposite) as well as under the arcades are strictly prohibited.**

This also applies to the area of Spitalerstraße/Lange Mühren, with the exception of performances with written consent as mentioned in Nr. 2, paragraph 2.
5. **Performances must be stopped immediately** if necessary for reasons of traffic safety and efficiency, especially of pedestrian traffic, or for reasons of the prevention of disturbance of residents or people working in the surrounding area.
6. The sale of all goods, the putting up of tables, umbrellas or similar items and the distribution of commercial hand-outs (flyers) are **against the law** and will be punished with a fine.
7. **Donations must not** be collected by **obtrusively asking** for them or by **walking around with collecting receptacles**. Only passive collection is permitted.
8. Expressly authorised events always take **priority**. Performances on areas with existing permissions for special uses, such as al-fresco dining areas, require the **written permission** by the tenant.

We ask for your understanding and absolute compliance!

In case of complaints or offences against these regulations performances may be prohibited in individual cases by the police or public services. Furthermore, regulatory offence proceedings can be initiated and instruments, amplifiers and other objects may be confiscated.

For applications and questions please contact:
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Fachamt Management des öffentlichen Raumes, MR1120, Klosterwall 8, 20095 Hamburg,
phone: 49 40/ 42854-2777, veranstaltungsservice@hamburg-mitte.hamburg.de

To report complaints please contact:
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