

# EUSTIS: BUSKER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

**\$3,000 GRAND PRIZE**

**\$1,500 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

**\$1,000 Second Place**

**\$750 Third Place**

**Division Winners: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024**

*Please complete this registration and return it and video to:*

**Mail:** City of Eustis Busker Festival  
10 N Grove St, Eustis, FL 32726

**Email:** [events@eustis.org](mailto:events@eustis.org)

**Fax:** 352-357-4177



**MATRICK PLAYS CELLO**

**2023 GRAND PRIZE**

## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Act

Contact Name

Age, if under 17

Address

City

State

Zip

County of Residence

Phone

Email

Website

## 2. PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Name of Act

T-Shirt Size(s)

Is it an individual or group act?

If a group, how many members?

Choose the division in which you wish to compete (Choose one division only):

Music Group	Circle Acts ( <i>Fire, Knives, Balance, Acrobatic,</i>
Music Individual	<i>Hula Hoops, etc.)</i>
Dance	Junior ( <i>16 and younger</i> )
Comedy ( <i>Juggling, Magic, Puppets, Mime, Statues, Stilts, etc.</i> )	

Describe your act: What instruments, props, amplification, equipment do you use? Amplification must receive prior approval.

Video/link required for submission: Website, Youtube, Soundcloud, etc

Does your act involve the use of dangerous materials or implements? If yes, please provide details.

Do you have Public Liability insurance?

If yes, name of insurance company:

## 3. TERMS & CONDITIONS

***Eustis Busker Festival Participants agree to:***

1. Comply with all rules and regulations provided here within including, but not limited to: time and sound level regulations.
2. Perform in a safe manner - acts must not endanger themselves, the community, or any property in the area.

3. Comply with direction given by Event Staff, City Law Enforcement, Fire & Emergency Services, or any other approved agency.
4. Accept *voluntary* donations from the audience, but may not harass, intimidate, or tout for contributions.
5. Provide an appropriate donation collection container that does not obstruct general passage through the area.
6. Ask the audience, if necessary, to move aside to allow pedestrians to pass freely.
7. Have adult supervision if under 16 years of age.
8. Not use flammable liquids, knives, swords, chainsaws, or any other dangerous instruments unless a full safety audit and special permission has been issued. Proof of insurance may be required.
9. Not involve animals, reptiles, or birds in performances unless special approval has been granted.
10. Not use abusive, offensive, or indecent language, mimic or behave in an indecent manner which may offend, discriminate, or upset any member of the public.
11. Not leave any foreign materials behind at the end of the performance.

#### 4. DECLARATION

***In submitting this application:***

- I wish to register as a competitor in the 2024 Eustis Busker Festival.
- I acknowledge that submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance to the Festival.
- I confirm that the information contained in this application is correct.
- I understand that performance slots are limited and applicants will be notified via email the status of their applications within 14 days of the event. Each performer will receive at a minimum two performance opportunities.

***If the application is accepted:***

- I agree to attend the mandatory participant meeting the morning of the Festival.
- I acknowledge that I must read the terms and conditions relating to the event.
- I acknowledge that participation constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions.
- I agree to be on time and communicate with the Event Coordinator if my circumstances change.
- I understand that the judge(s) decisions are final and no discussion will be entered into.

Applicant's Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

# FESTIVAL USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ WARM UP PERFORMER

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Stipend: InState \_\_\_\_\_ Out of State \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Received:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Performance Information:

	TIME	LOCATION	OTHER
#1	_____	_____	_____
#2	_____	_____	_____

## 2024 EUSTIS BUSKER FESTIVAL

### JUDGING CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

**Please note that the following conditions must be adhered to by all 2024 Busking participants. Failure to do so will result in removal from the competition.**

#### **Conditions of Entry:**

- Only officially registered buskers may enter the competition. All entrants must check-in between 7-9am on Saturday, March 30, 2024.
- All participants are required to attend a short Busker meeting at 8:30am on March 30. Failure to attend will result in the participant being ineligible for prize money.
- Limit to ONE entry per person per division.
- A minimum of two 30-minute performances between 10am and 4pm on March 30 will be assigned. Locations will be assigned and will not be the same for both performances. Buskers must NOT move spots unless permission is granted by the organizers.
- No merchandise (CDs, posters, etc.) may be offered for sale. Business cards are welcome.
- Performers may provide a donation container, but may not harass, intimidate, nor heckle for contributions.
- Amplification is only allowed with prior approval and only at designated "Busk Stops". One speaker is allowed per entry. Speakers must be placed on the ground. Maximum of 90 decibels. Power will be supplied at designated "Busk Stops", buskers must provide their own equipment. Buskers violating these rules will be given one warning. Non-compliance after the warning will result in disqualification.
- No pre-recorded backing tracks are allowed with any instrumentalists. Solo vocalists may use recorded music. All participants are allowed to lay tracks on-the-fly.
- The "Junior" Division is for individuals and groups 16 years of age and younger. All individuals in a group must be 16 or younger to qualify. Juniors may choose to compete in the "Open" categories rather than "Junior", but not both.
- All performers under 16 (whether in the "Junior" division or otherwise) must be accompanied by an adult to receive their prize. Proof of age may be required.
- Animals may only be involved with prior permission from the Organizers.
- Insurance is required for each act (exceptions can be made at the Event Organizer's discretion) which involves animals, knives, fire, or other dangerous objects or activities. The City of Eustis must be added as an additionally insured.
- Any act that the Judges/Organizers deem to be dangerous, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate will be asked to stop immediately and will be withdrawn from the competition.
- City of Eustis will **NOT** be liable for any damage, loss, theft, or personal injury to applicant, performer, or their equipment.

#### **Travel Stipends:**

- Stipends will be given to buskers traveling from out of the area and using local lodging.
- Confirmations showing proof of lodging (hotel / RV park / Campground / AirBNB / etc.) must be submitted upon check-in.
- Buskers staying with friends are eligible; please contact the organizers for more details.
- Stipend amounts are as follows: For performers traveling from their residence outside of the United States: \$250; outside the State of Florida: \$100. For performers traveling from their residence outside of Lake and adjacent Counties: \$50. Performers residing in the following counties are not eligible for stipend: Lake, Volusia, Marion, Seminole, Orange, Polk, Sumter.
- Stipends are given per entry, not per person. **People's Choice:**
- Voting slips will be issued at the Information tent on Saturday, March 30 from 10am to 4pm.
- To vote, visitors must produce a receipt of purchase from ANY Eustis Business / Service during March 2024. The receipt(s) must show a Eustis address. Visitors will receive one voting coupon per \$5 shown on the receipt (rounded down to the nearest \$5 increment). A maximum of 20 tickets per receipt are allowed. Receipts may be combined.  
***Example:** A receipt of \$8.35 will receive one ticket. A receipt of \$314.55 will receive the maximum of 20 tickets.*
- Gift certificate receipts will not be accepted in exchange for voting coupon(s).
- Each Festival Participant will be provided a "hat" (container) for visitors to deposit their voting coupon. Votes will also be collected at the Information Tent.
- Buskers are individually responsible for returning their collected votes to the Information Tent by one half hour prior to the Finale.
- Votes will be collected from the public up until one half hour prior to the Finale.

## **Judging:**

- Judges will float between locations and may or may not be identifiable as an official judge.
- The judges' decisions are final. No discussion will be entered into. **Finals:**
- Busker Division Finale will be Saturday, March 30 (time TBD).
- All performers are expected to attend the finals.
- Division Finalists must perform on the Finals Stage for the judging panel. Should a Finalist not be in attendance or be unprepared to perform when announced, the runner up for the division will then become the Finalist.
- Finalists will have 10 minutes for their Finale performance. Should a participant go over the 10 minutes, one point will be deducted from the overall score at 10.1 minutes and every 30 seconds thereafter. Performances will be **STOPPED** at the 15 minute mark.
- Only one prize may be won per entry.

**Prizes:**

Prizes will be in the form of a check and will be mailed to the winner(s) within 10 business days of completion of a W-9 and required documentation.

Prizes are awarded per entry, not per person. No single entry may win more than one prize.

**2024 Cash Awards:**

***Grand Prize: \$3,000***

***Second Place: \$1,000***

***Third Place: \$750***

***People's Choice: \$1,500***

***Remaining Divisional Finalists: 1st Place \$500; 2nd Place \$250; 3rd Place \$100***

Following the end of this contest, your performance in part or whole may be posted on a website selected by us for viewing by visitors to that website. We are not responsible for any unauthorized use of your entry by visitors to this website. While we reserve these rights, we are not obligated to use your entry for any purpose, even if it has been selected as a winning entry.

**Divisions:**

Music (Group)

Music (Individual)

Dance

Comedy (Juggling, Magic, Puppets, Mime, Statues, Stilts)

Circle Acts (Fire, Knives, Balance, Acrobatics, Hula Hoops)

Junior (16 years of age and younger)

I have read and understand these Conditions of Entry to the 2024 Eustis Busker Festival.

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Participant Name (Printed)

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Signature

Date