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JULY 6 - 12 GENRE-DEFYING MUSIC FESTIVAL
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CARNIVAL PARADE BACKGROUND AND GUIDELINES

“In curating this festival we picked acts the way a good DJ picks his tracks, making selections that excite, educate, surprise and inspire a crowd. It’s in the mix - in the combination of cultures and styles - that artistic excellence stands out.”

-Donald King, Executive/Artistic Director, The Providence Black Repertory Company

When:

July 12, 2008 at 10:00pm

Application Deadline:

June 30, 2008

Background:

The Providence Black Repertory Company in partnership with the City of Providence Department of Art, Culture + Tourism is proud to present the fifth installment of Providence Sound Session, a seven-day genre-defying citywide music festival from Sunday July 6 to Saturday, July 12. The festival week culminates with a parade inspired by carnival traditions of the African Diaspora that winds through the streets of downtown Providence.

The Providence Black Repertory Company produces and presents artistic performances inspired by the cultural traditions of the African Diaspora that bring people together, provoke thought, inspire hope, and create understanding. The Black Rep's dual mission – artistic and civic – provides for a unique experience in three key areas: Theater, Education, and Public Programs.

The Providence Department of Art, Culture + Tourism ensures the continued development of a vibrant and creative city by integrating arts and culture into community life while showcasing Providence as an international cultural destination.

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Please read the following information carefully. Even if you have participated in past Sound Session carnival parades requirements have changed and it's the responsibility of all section leaders to comply with and communicate these changes to their groups.

Late Applications:

Late application/registration forms will be placed on standby list and, if space permits, reviewed in the order in which they are received.

Distribution of Materials:

Sections can distribute materials relevant to their organizations by hand, BUT MAY NOT TOSS THEM to people along the carnival parade route. Sexually explicit materials may not be distributed. Please indicate on application form what materials will be distributed.

Order of Appearance:

The carnival parade staff will determine the staging order for the parade. The order in which sections are placed will be determined so as to establish variety. This order will not be given out prior to your arrival on carnival parade day. Your section's placement in the Carnival Parade is subject to change or cancellation if your group arrives in the assembly area late or at a time other than that established during the **mandatory orientation meetings** scheduled for **Tuesday, June 24 from 6PM-8PM** or **Monday, June 30th from 5PM-7PM** at The Providence Black Repertory Company on 276 Westminster St. in Providence, RI.

Code of Conduct:

All individuals and organizations are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times during the assembly, execution and dispersal of the parade. Participants are expected to be respectful to all, regardless of gender, age, race, culture, faith, and sexual orientation.

Non-Discrimination:

All individuals are welcome to participate in carnival parade.

Safety:

No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed before or during the carnival parade. We reserve the right to remove inebriated participants from the carnival parade.

Vehicles:

All drivers must be licensed and adequately trained to drive assigned vehicle. All vehicles MUST be insured. Tow vehicles should be decorated to accent or compliment section.

Towing Liability:

In case of breakdown, a tow truck will be used to remove vehicles from the parade route. Any towing beyond the dispersal area will be the responsibility of the section/organization. If a breakdown prevents the forward movement of a section, the offending vehicle will be removed from the parade route and towed to the nearest intersection.

Any liability for the cost of towing vehicles after the breakdown will NOT be paid by the Department of Art, Culture + Tourism or by The Providence Black Repertory Company. The individual/organization responsible for the vehicle will be billed directly.

Assembly Area:

Cars, buses, trucks, and trailers must be promptly unloaded and should proceed to the dispersal parking area. No parking will be allowed in the assembly area. Once a section is positioned in the staging area, its section leaders must be in attendance and available to move the section as necessary. Your section should report to the assembly area at 8:00PM. The exact line up time will be provided at the Orientation Meetings. The carnival parade will begin promptly at 10PM.

Carnival Parade Movement:

The carnival parade staff has worked very hard to ensure that the route is free of interruptions; therefore, no section will be permitted to stop and perform. All maneuvering, choreography, marching styles **MUST BE PERFORMED WHILE MOVING FORWARD** in the carnival parade. All action must be executed at the speed necessary to maintain the specified distance between parade sections. Any section violating parade movement requirements will not be considered for future Sound Session Carnival Parades.

Dispersal Area:

Please continue moving throughout dispersal area until a carnival parade marshal shows you where to stop. A First Aide Station will be stationed in the dispersal area should any participant need help.

Inclement Weather Policy:

The Sound Session staff plans to proceed with the carnival parade regardless of inclement weather and we request that you make preparations for such. If severe inclement weather occurs, the staff will determine whether it is deemed necessary to cancel or delay the carnival parade. Participants may decline to march if weather threatens to damage instruments, props and costumes.

Section Leaders and Carnival Parade Marshalls:

All organizations need to provide at least two (2) Section Leaders to assist and direct section on carnival parade route. The Section Leaders **MUST ATTEND** one of the orientation sessions scheduled for Tuesday, June 24 from 6PM-8PM or Monday, June 30th from 5PM-7PM at The Providence Black Repertory Company on 276 Westminster St. in Providence, RI.

Directions During Carnival Parade:

Carnival parade manager, Marshalls and Section Leaders are authorized to provide placement, movement and dispersion directions. Participants shall follow all directions provided by the Manager, Marshalls and Section Leaders, Police and/or Fire personnel.

Contact Information:

Email: soundsessioncarnivalparade@gmail.com

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Providence Sound Session '08 Parade
C/O Providence Black Repertory Company
276 Westminster St. Providence, RI 02903



CARNIVAL PARADE APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Organization/Group Name _____

Type of Group (Circle One): Business Political/Advocacy Professional Restaurant
Social Sports Support Other _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Email _____

ENTRY DETAILS:

Type of Entry (Circle One): Individual Walking Group

Approximate Number of Participants: _____

Vehicle (Circle One): Yes No If Yes, Vehicle Type: Car Truck Other _____

Music (Circle One): Yes No

Distribution Materials (Circle One): Yes No

If Yes, Describe Items: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY (Please read before Signing):

Providence Black Repertory Company recommends that parade participants consult their physicians with regard to their ability to walk in a parade without sustaining a bodily injury.

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Providence Black Repertory Company, all participating sponsors of the Black Rep and or Sound Sessions 2008, as well as any of their agents or representatives for my health, safety, or any injury resulting from my participation in the week long music festival that is Providence Sound Session 2008, and in particular, the Sound Session Parade held on Saturday July 12, 2008. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have no physical restrictions that would prevent or prohibit me from participating in the events of Sound Sessions that I have voluntarily chosen to participate in. I consent to have my picture or likeness used in any media representation of Sound Session 2008 that is incidental to my participation.

Signature

Date