



Performances for the People

Project Overview

Performances for the People was launched during the 2026 Soundcheck Art and Music Festival as an afternoon of artistic performances in Port Townsend's historic City Council Chambers. The use of this civic space to celebrate and engage with art and music felt special, and the City, under its Creative District program, now plans to organize these events several times a year, in conjunction with First Saturday ArtWalk.

Three 35-minute performances will be scheduled “variety show” style with all performance genres – music, dance, comedy, theatre, literary readings – welcome. Basic sound and a sound engineer will be provided, with stripped-down and acoustic performances suggested. (There is minimal space for scenery or large equipment, and the historic space needs to be treated leave-no-trace style.)

Who

Musicians, actors, poets, writers, dancers, comedians, singers, magicians, and more! *Performances for the People* is open to all types of performing artists. It seeks a mix of performers to appeal to all ages through a special, high-quality creative experience that highlights the many incredible performers in our community. Participation by youth artists is encouraged and will be given special priority.

Where

City Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend

When

2026 and 2027 dates include:

- Saturday, October 3, 2026, 3:00-5:00pm
- Saturday, March 6, 2027, 3:00pm-5:00pm (Soundcheck)
- Saturday, May 1, 2027, 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Saturday, October 2, 2027, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Project Logistics

- Each performance will have a 35-minute time slot between 3:00-5:00pm
- Performances should be all-ages appropriate and family-friendly
- Performers are expected to bring all their own materials and equipment (except for basic sound which will be provided).
- If desired, a no-tech rehearsal can be scheduled in advance of the event
- Performances should be low-impact on the space and leave no markings behind
- Each performance, regardless of number of artists, will receive a \$200 stipend.

Project Goals

- To activate City Council Chambers by celebrating the talent and creativity in our community
- To provide performing artists a new and novel platform to share their work
- To add to another creative element to Port Townsend's monthly ArtWalk

What is the application process?

- Submit a brief overview of the performance you would like to present
- Provide 2-4 work samples
- Provide 2 references who can speak to your work

Timeline

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with each date closing six weeks before the event; performers will be notified at last one-month before the event unless they specify that they need to know earlier.

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