

Thank you for your interest in Party in the City, Bath's biggest party night of the year.

What is Party in the City?

Party in the City marks the opening of festival season in Bath, with a night of free live entertainment involving more than 2,000 performers and an audience in the tens of thousands.

On a weekend in May Bath becomes a stage for a celebration of live music. Historic buildings, churches, galleries, museums, music venues, pubs, clubs and shops throughout the city all get involved.

Music spills out into the streets and there are outdoor stages, buskers and popup performances.

Why should I perform at Party in the City?

It's a unique opportunity for you, your band, choir, orchestra, group, or ensemble to reach new audiences as tens of thousands of music lovers flock into the city centre. We open the doors to over 50 venues and feature up to 250 separate performances.

Your act will be listed in our printed programme with 25,000 copies distributed in Bath, Bristol, Chippenham and towns throughout the region.

Through email and socials we connect with thousands of music lovers, drawing them in to the city to enjoy the feast of free live music of which your act will be part.

We'll also feature you in our app which is free to download and which our audiences use to navigate the city to find your act and the venue you're playing at.

When will I know that I have been selected to perform?

We will review all applications and begin programming in January. If selected to play we will contact you as soon as we can to notify you of your venue, finalise arrangements for your performance and put you in touch with the venue and other performers.

We will do our best to find a slot for you but owing to high demand we regret that we cannot accommodate everyone. We expect to complete the selection process by 1st March.

Will there be a PA and a backline for bands?

The level of tech support available will depend on the venue and the extent of your needs. We will do our best to ensure that a PA is available for your use in

discussion with the venue and other performers but in most cases you will need to bring your own backline or make arrangements to share with others.

Do we have to bring our own drum kit?

In venues that can accommodate full rock bands etiquette suggests that a drum kit (minus breakables) will be provided by the headline act. We encourage performers to discuss and agree arrangements with each other.

Will there be a technician or event manager?

A few of our venues are experienced at hosting live music and have in-house gear and crew. However many only host live music on Party in the City night and do not have the necessary equipment or trained staff to support you. The more willing and able you are to be self-sufficient, the more likely we'll be to find an ideal venue and performance slot for you.

Will I be paid?

Party in the City is run by a charity that believes in music for all. We don't sell tickets and all participating venues allow free access to enjoy the acts we programme. This means you are guaranteed a vibrant, engaged audience for your performance.

We are unable to pay you to perform, however our venues recognise that you attract audiences into their establishments and we encourage them to reward your participation by providing tech support and hospitality wherever possible. What they are able to provide will depend on the type of venue and the size of your group.

How can I apply?

Simply follow the link on the web site and fill out the application form! Please ensure your application is in by 1st December. If you have any questions please email info@partyinthecity.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to the party!