



**Presented by Stamford Town Center
and The Advocate**

**Stamford Downtown Circus Performer Application
Saturday, November 21, 2015 (3pm-7pm)
Sunday, November 22, 2015 (10am-3pm)**

DEADLINE: October 10, 2015!

Name: _____

Your talent: _____

Website: _____

Email address: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Please send us a DVD or video link with a sample of what you propose to perform during the parade, and a resume of recent performances.

Please read Parade Application Acceptance Criteria & Parade Participant Rules.

Please return this form to the address below on or before October 10, 2015.

Mail or fax to: Frank Gaffney, Stamford Downtown Special Services District,
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STAMFORD PARADE SPECTACULAR PARADE APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA & PARADE PARTICIPANT RULES

The Stamford Downtown Special Services District appreciates the support from our many participants over the years. Our goal is to present a Parade with the highest entertainment value and highest standards of quality, performance, and conduct. Adherence to all rules and guidelines listed below will ensure such an event.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to determine which performers will be accepted and asks that you please read the following participation regulations carefully. Participation in the Parade Spectacular is by invitation only (approval after submission of formal parade application). Unauthorized performers will not be permitted in the parade. Unless you are approved by the Committee to participate, you will be prohibited from parade participation.

1. All performers wishing to appear in the Parade Spectacular must fill out a parade application with the requested materials and submit it prior to the deadline posted.
*Once approved, failure to adhere to performance content agreed upon shall cause removal from the parade.
2. No organized or ad hoc groups are allowed to “just march” in the parade. No “WALKING” entries are allowed in the parade except marching bands and color guards.
3. Entries sponsored by or depicting a political organization or controversial issue are not permitted.
4. No one under the age of 16 can participate.
5. All participants must sign waivers of liability and photo releases or provide a one million dollar certificate of general liability insurance naming the Stamford Downtown Special Services District and The City of Stamford as additional insured.
6. All participants must be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired.
7. All Entries must be willing & sufficiently physically fit to walk the parade route and maintain the parade pace. Entries unable or refusing to maintain parade walking pace and/or spacing (as Parade Officials direct) will be removed from the parade route.
8. No Strollers.
9. No animals of any kind are allowed on the parade route, except those with prior approval by parade organizers.
10. Absolutely NO items may be thrown, tossed or launched to parade spectators from any vehicle, conveyance or float.
11. With prior approval, sponsors are permitted on the parade route 30 minutes prior to parade step off to visit with the crowd and hand out pre-approved marketing materials.

Evaluation of your entry’s ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN IS CRUCIAL to its acceptance into the Parade. All entries are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Entertainment value** - the idea is fun and/or clever and is easily understood by children.
2. **Design concept** - the unit is well-designed and has a clearly understood central theme or idea.
3. **Use of sound** - the unit effectively incorporates chants, music, instruments or other audio. The sound system must be of professional quality and be able to project sound the audience will be able to hear clearly and understand in an outdoor environment.
4. **Choreography** - perform an entertaining, unusual and exciting routine. Choreography must include continual forward movement, without stopping, to prevent gaps between entries.
5. **Costuming/props** - the costumes are original in nature, unusual and/or well designed. Props should be inventive and large enough to be visible to the audience.
6. **Timeliness** - application must be thorough and complete. Packets with supporting documentation must be received by the DSSD by the posted deadline.

The Parade Spectacular is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization. The Parade is designed for family friendly entertainment and is not an open public forum; therefore themes, props and hand-outs may not

be based on controversial, social, political or religious themes. Themes, props and handouts must be approved by the DSSD.

It is illegal to use a copyrighted source without permission. The DSSD reserves the right to refuse or remove any design based on copyrighted material that doesn't have appropriate approvals. When incorporating copyrighted material, proof of permission must accompany application.

All entries and participants participate in the Parade Spectacular at their own risk. The DSSD, the City of Stamford and any and all sponsors will not be held responsible for any personal injury or property damage due to any cause.

The DSSD reserves the right to reject the application of, or prohibit participation by any exhibit, vendor, entertainer, volunteer and/or parade entry, in whole or in part, including, but not limited to, any person, organization, article, conduct, printed matter, catalogue, or souvenir, that in its sole and absolute opinion, is not suitable to and in keeping with the character of the Parade Spectacular.

No contingent is allowed to participate as one or as part of another contingent without pre-parade registration with the DSSD. Any contingent "crashing" the parade will be removed immediately. Groups desiring to march with other groups must make this known on their application when submitted. No parade entry may be reassigned to a third party without express written approval of the DSSD.

The DSSD reserves the right to remove any individual, group or parade contingent from the staging, parade or dispersal area, for any of the following reasons: participant is a hindrance to the safety or progress of the parade and is placing participants or spectators in physical danger; participant has a motor vehicle with safety violations, participant is operating a motor vehicle which has a safety violation or which is dangerously unsafe or participant is engaging in illegal conduct related to drugs or alcohol.

The DSSD reserves the right to accept or reject any application without explanation.