



Thank you for your interest in performing at Porch Stomp 2019! Please take the time to read the below FAQ THOROUGHLY and respond to the email with “**I AGREE**” to confirm your participation in Porch Stomps 2019 Festival!

THE BASICS

Q : What is Porch Stomp?

A : Porch Stomp is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the folk music community in NYC. With innovative and engaging programming, Porch Stomp has been connecting musicians and communities for over 5 years. We are entirely volunteer-run and community funded, meaning that everything you see or hear from Porch Stomp is a product of the blood, sweat and tears from musicians and music lovers just like you!

Q : Wait a minute, I thought Porch Stomp was a festival?

A : It is! Our June festival and our organization share the same name. Porch Stomp (the organization) also hosts an annual flatfooting parade each December called Flatfoot Flatbush as well as regular programming, a blog, and a video series called Porch Stomp Presents! Check them out at www.porchstomp.com

Q : When is this year’s Porch Stomp festival?

A : June 23rd, 2019 from 11am-5p in Nolan Park on Governors Island, NYC

Getting to and from Governors Island:

The ferries to Governors Island are free from 10-11:30a on weekends. If you plan to take a later ferry there is a \$3 fee to ride the ferry headed toward Governors Island (\$1 for seniors). Ferries leave from both Manhattan and Brooklyn. NYC Ferry also runs ferries regularly to Governors Island as part of their East River and South Brooklyn routes (tickets are \$2.75).

PLAYING PORCH STOMP:

Porch Stomp is truly a one of a kind festival. Artists perform on the historic porches and greens of Nolan Park for festival goers without any amplification and within eyesight of anywhere from 10 to 20 other performances. Nolan park makes an oval shape around a shaded green space, so Porch Stomp goers will often sit and picnic in the green area and watch performances, and the park is located along the walking path that connects Nolan Park to the rest of Governors Island (which draws an average of 4,000 visitors independent of Porch Stomp).

Q: What if my band uses an electric keyboard, electric bass or another instrument that must be amplified?

A: Come up with an alternative version of your instrument for the festival. Keyboards can be exchanged for melodicas, electric basses can be exchanged for upright bass. Because of the proximity of the performances, amplification can be incredibly disruptive to nearby performers, and can negatively affect the overall vibe of the festival. We very occasionally work with artists for whom amplification is critical to the nature of their performance — feel free to address mmnyporchstomp@gmail.com with questions or concerns regarding a request to utilize amplification.

Q: Is there anything that isn't allowed?

A: Tambourines and triangles. Trust us, you'll understand when you get there. Also, if you are playing with a percussionist, please be aware of the volume of those around you. We do permit suitcase and trap kits, but advance notice must be given directly to Porch Stomp at least a month in advance of the festival date to ensure performance locations can be placed at an appropriate distance to guarantee a quality festival experience for all participants.

Q: Is Porch Stomp a 'paid gig'?

A: Try not to think of Porch Stomp as a 'gig' but instead a 'family reunion'. With an anticipated 100+ artist/band roster, this is a chance to have an amazing time, network and meet your next biggest fan. Since no one pays or is paid to be there, everyone at Porch Stomp is there because they love the community and they love music. Our goal for 2019 is to amp up artist amenities (ie free merch, free beer, etc) to help ensure that every performer finds value in participating.

As we grow, we continue to seek new artist amenities to ensure a quality experience for all participants, including merch and free drink stubs for registered performers. Check in with HQ to see what we have available!

Q: If we aren't paid, where does the donation money go? How can I or someone I know donate?

A: Porch Stomp is entirely volunteer run and operated, and funds raised go into things like marking and promotion (design costs, printed postcards, flyers, business cards, social media advertising, merch), operations (website, physical signage, tent and table rentals, insurance, permits, etc), and artist support (artist videos, curator stipends, artist amenities). We pride ourselves in being run by community for the community, so every dime you donate will be coming right back at you! To donate, visit our website: www.porchstomp.com

Q: Can I sell merch at Porch Stomp?

A: Absolutely! Pack up the CDs and t shirts, and get ready to mingle and make new friends and fans! People will want to talk to you.

Q: How soon will I know the time and location of my performance?

A: If your stage is curated by one of Porch Stomp's many partners, you could know sooner, however most artists should expect to know the exact time of their performance by June 10th. If you have specific time-slot requests, please let us know by May 1st and we will do our best to accommodate. All performances except Ferry Landing performances are held in and around Nolan Park (see the enclosed map for exact location). See the Porch Stomp Head Quarters upon entering Nolan Park for directions to the exact location that your performance will take place.

Note : *Most performances will happen on the porches of Nolan Park. However, due to capacity issues, we can not promise a porch for every stage — some performances and set up out on the green or in various locations throughout the grounds. We also share the space with 10-15 residential arts and cultural organizations that employ the inside of the buildings, so we work hard to find a balance to provide the best performance opportunity for our artists while still respecting the summer tenants needs! If you are stationed at a house with a summer tenant, be sure to ask before entering or utilizing indoor spaces. Thanks in advance for your understanding!*

Q : What if it rains?

A : Porch Stomp is rain or shine! As many of you know, we experienced a torrential downpour in 2017 and had a BLAST. Since then we've taken the time to develop a significantly improved rain plan that we will implement in case of another round of bad weather. Artists will be contacted 24-48 hours in advance should scheduling changes occur.

Q : Is there food and drink available at Porch Stomp?

A: Yes! There will be food and drink brought to you by our friends at The Cowgirl Seahorse. There are also a number of food vendors a short walk from Nolan Park near Liggett Terrace. Also, Nolan Park happens to be the best picnic location in New York. Feel free to invite friends and have them bring a spread to share. You won't regret it.

Q : Can I bring alcohol to the island?

A : "No".

Q : Should I plan to leave right after my set?

A : What an odd question! Naw, man! Porch Stomp is a community and has served as a support system for any number of up and coming folk arts. Stick around, make friends, and get ready for the magical finale jam that happens every year. Some of the best Porch Stomp moments happen when you least expect them! We also encourage you to come early and enjoy performances that take place before your set.

Q : Finally, what's this about a launch party?

A : You're invited to our artist and staff only Launch Party on June 16th at the Haylaught (Porch Stomp's Home Base) in Bed Stuy, Brooklyn. Free beer and an open stage means that this is a great way to meet some of your peers and connect even more. Please save the date! Our launch party is the best way to learn more about the logistics of the Porch Stomp festival and how you can make the most of your Porch Stomp experience. These events are often packed and some of the most fun we have all year (with the exception of Porch Stomp day, of course!).

Note:

I understand that artist names and images may be used for current or future promotional materials, unless otherwise requested. Requests must be emailed to mmnyporchstomp@gmail.com.

And a special note:

Porch Stomp is not liable for your actions and decisions on Governors Island. Please be respectful to the grounds and courteous to all Governors Island and Porch Stomp staff and officials.

Thanks!

The Porch Stomp Team

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