



City of Cambridge

47.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 26, 1993

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WHEREAS: The letter further states that no person at the Arts Council has been trained or has access to the decibel meter; now therefore be it

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'D. Margaret Drury'.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

CCM-101



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April 22, 1993

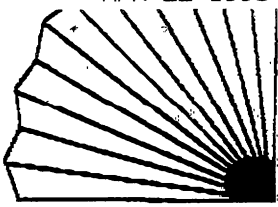
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ARTISTS' GUILD

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Stephen Baird
Founder, Folk Arts
Network, Street Artists'
Guild, Performing
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Choral Director

Jorge Arce
Humano Cultural
Program

Dillon Bustin
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Performing Artist,
Cambridge Earth Day

Barbara Herson
Earthtimes

Billie Hockett
Robin Blecher
Memorial Fund

Patricia Monteith
General Manager
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Bill Schaepe
Director, Joyful Noise
Coffeehouse

Sandy Sheehan
Sandy's Music

Ted Thomas
Poet, Director of Youth
Services City Mission

April 16, 1993

Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear City Councilors:

This letter concerns the regulation of street performances. We are now facing the fourth year of no enforcement of the ordinance despite repeated assurances by the Cambridge City Council that a decibel meter would be on-hand in Harvard Square. I am concerned that the ordinance amendments passed last fall by the City Council may have not been enacted in a final reading (Please check).

Most importantly I am concerned that the disruption at the Cambridge Arts Council will mean there will be no person ensuring artists are licensed. The Cambridge Arts Council's decibel meter should not be left unused. Presently no person at the arts council has been trained and has access to the meter.

Therefore, I request for the second time, that the City Council instruct the Cambridge Arts Council to train additional staff members to use the meter and to leave the meter with the police in Harvard Square when Arts Council staff are not available.

I really hope the City Council will not let a few abusive performers to take advantage of the current situation at the Arts Council. The Street Artists' Guild wants the performances to work for everyone. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Stephen Baird
Director

cc: Harvard Square Business Association, City Manager



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CONSENT ORDER #47

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Councillor Walsh re: Enforcement of the
Street Performers Ordinance.

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Order Adopted