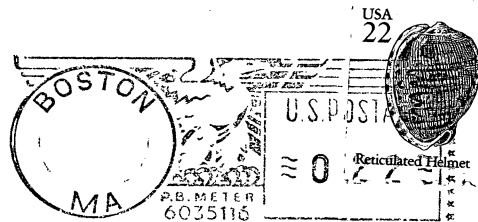


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June 3, 1987

I have just been informed of the cancellation of the Cambridge Street Performer's Festival. This letter is to protest the action of Mr. Rossi in so doing.

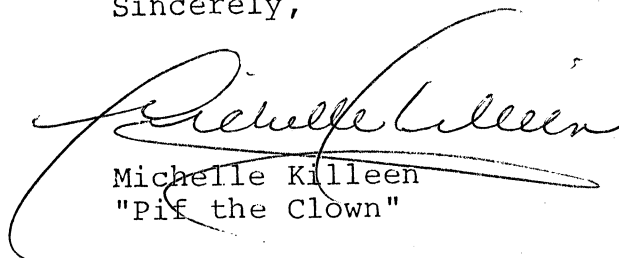
As a former street performer and a guest artist at prior Festivals, I feel it important to express my thoughts and outrage for this action. I have lived in and around the Cambridge area for the past nine years. I have seen a lot of changes over this time, many of which have saddened me. Although pleasing to the eye, Harvard Square has become a commercialized junkyard that cannot support the cultural and artistic life that was once synonymous with its heritage.

To deny such a wonderful cultural event as the Street Performer's Festival is a real shame. To allow such a disgrace as the Oktoberfest with its multitude of drunken revelers is even worse. Cambridge never seemed to me to be a City with only profit on its mind. Cambridge always seemed to me to be the kind of City that cared for its people, i.e., the ban on nuclear testing and the ban on animal testing.

I am now an expectant mother, looking forward to raising her children in the City of Cambridge. I will have many memories and a few good pictures to pass along to my children of the 'good ole days of Harvard Square' and the pleasure that street performing gave to me and my audiences. I, fortunately, was able to obtain my dream before the City of Cambridge destroyed all usable areas for the big acts that once frequented Harvard Square.

Please allow the Street Performer's Festival to happen!!! Please give the children of our City a chance to come up close to artists, performers, jugglers and magicians. Please give our artists, performers, jugglers and magicians a chance to charm and entertain our good citizenry!!!

Sincerely,



Michelle Killeen
"Pif the Clown"

cc: Stephen Baird, President, Folk Arts Network; Annabelle Herbert, Executive Director, Cambridge Arts Council; Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, City Council, Cambridge; Mayor Walter Sullivan; Robert W. Healy, City Manager.

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Comm. from Michelle Killeen, former street performer known as "Pif the Clown" protesting the cancellation of the Cambridge Street Performer's Festival.

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In City Council,

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