

Artist Payment Guidelines

For Event Organizers

City of the Arts – Port Moody is a community where creativity and the arts are supported and encouraged, and cultural expression is woven into everything we do.

This Guideline was developed to foster our professional artists in our community to reach our collective vision.

The City of Port Moody recognizes that:

- Professional artists have invested time and money in formal education or mentorship in their chosen discipline, building up a body of work that has received recognition, and are seen as professionals by their peers.
- For many professional artists, much of their work is unseen, and can include rehearsal time, project planning, purchasing art supplies, and hours of creative work in advance of its presentation.
- Professional artists deserve to be paid for their work.
- Paying professional artists provides financial support to our artists, and benefits our community as it helps to ensure they can continue to create their art.
- Unless a professional artist chooses to volunteer time, or to donate a piece of art or a performance to a particular event, the professional artist should be paid properly for their involvement in the event.

Plan ahead for the event:

- Research artist fees when developing your budget. More established artists will have higher fees.
- Consult with the artists you are considering engaging during the planning stage. Find out if they have a pre-determined 'fee for service', and confirm fees in writing before the event.
- Include the professional artist's fees as a line item in the event's budget.
- Ensure there will be sufficient funds set aside to cover payment to the professional artist.

Promote the Artist:

- Show support for the professional artist through the event's promotional materials.

For guidance on engaging visual artists, please consult:

[CARFAC-RAAV Minimum Recommended Fee Schedule](#)