

Popular street performing returns for second year.

On Thursday Evenings beginning June 15, the streets of downtown Holland will come alive with the sights and sounds of the art of street performance. Jugglers, yo-yo's, banjos, guitars, harmonicas, kazoo's, puppets, mimes, urban dancers, tap dancers, belly dancers and aerial performers and more will take center stage in 14 locations every Thursday evening from 5:30-8pm throughout the summer.

The City of Holland Principal Shopping District along with The Bank of Holland have announced the second annual Downtown Holland Street Performer Series.

"It is our goal to create a fun and interactive experience for those coming downtown on Thursday evenings," says Mimi Fritz, Marketing Director of Downtown Holland. "This is a wonderful opportunity to not only experience the art of street performing, but also to stroll throughout our downtown, browse our shops and dine at a sidewalk café."

The Thursday night performances will change slightly from the first year. After a survey of visitors, merchants and performers organizers changed the series to program a variety of selected performers at 14 performance locations all happening from 5:30-8pm. In addition, performers may now perform with the use of amplification as long as the

proper

amplification permits have been completed and approved. As a special treat, guest performers will appear throughout the Thursday night Series.

In street performing, artists are allowed to "busk" or collect donations from passers by or those staying around a bit longer to enjoy a performance. "Typical protocol for tipping a street performer is a couple of dollars, but if you really enjoy a performer, five to ten dollars is acceptable," says Patty Fitzpatrick, DDA director. Fitzpatrick's office led the initiative to create an ordinance allowing street performing in downtown Holland.



MUSICAL DUO Downtown Holland Street Performers Steve Jenkins and Jon Fegel will make their second appearance in the Thursday Night Series beginning June 15.

WHAT'S A STREET

PERFORMER? You know, your artistic quiet side? They're like that. only without the quiet part.

HOW DO I ACT AROUND A STREET PERFORMER?

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