



BAND PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

!!JOIN THE 2022 HOUSTON CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL BAND LINEUP!!

The annual Houston Caribbean Festival is just around the corner, and the combination of feathers, beads, bands, glitter and sweet Soca music will soon emerge to once again compete on one grand stage! The excitement of previous years festivities only pale in comparison to what is expected at this year's festival! Our 2022 Festival Explosion takes place on Sunday July 3rd, and we are excited about your new or renewed interest in participating in our Parade of the Bands

Band Participation Requirements:

- A minimum of forty (40) masqueraders (in full costume) per Band. (T-shirts are allowed in the Parade, but will not be included in the judges' scores).
- Band registration fee must be paid no later than Saturday, May 16, 2022. (ALL FEES NON-REFUNDABLE) · **A \$50 dollar LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SATURDAY, May 21, 2022.** · Band Leaders (or authorized representative) MUST be willing to attend Band Leader's meetings. Meeting dates will be announced via email.

Band Registration Guidelines:

- A half page written portrayal for each Band and each Section within the Band must be submitted no later than Monday, June 13, 2022. (1 half page for each section)
- Only two (2) vehicles per Band will be given free entry to Festival grounds.
- Participant wristbands will only be issued on the day of Meet & Greet (date TBA via email).
- All masqueraders MUST have their wristbands on their wrist in order to gain free access at gated areas. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **A \$10 fee is assessed for each masquerader in addition to registration fee.**

Other Important Info:

- Security, on the Parade route, will be provided by the Harris County Sheriff Department or HPD
- Parade begins promptly at 4 p.m. (contingent upon weather conditions). Masqueraders MUST check in no later than 3p.m.
- All prize monies will be awarded seven days after the festival.

!!BAND OF THE YEAR PRIZES!!

First Place: \$2000 - Second Place: \$1200 - Third Place: Trophy
T-Shirt Band of the Year - Trophy

I sincerely look forward to serving as your Band Coordinator for this incredible 2022 Festival explosion!
Please do not hesitate to contact me via email should you have any unanswered questions.

Best Regards,

Ursula Lewis

HCF Band Coordinator

HCF 2022 CARNIVAL BAND REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF BAND: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE (CELL): _____ ALT #: _____

BAND THEME/PORTRAYTAL: _____

SECTIONS: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____

MUSIC ON THE ROAD:

DJ _____ MUSICIANS _____ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF

BAND: _____

MERCHANT AREA OF INTEREST/FEEES:

- COSTUME BAND - \$200
- COSTUME BAND with T-SHIRTS - \$150
- T-SHIRT ONLY: \$100
- T-SHIRT/CAMOUFLAGE: \$100 FOR UP TO 30 PERSONS

Make all payments via CashApp: \$CARIBFEST1

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL FEES. BE SURE TO KEEP A SIGNED COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

If you have any questions, please contact Ursula Lewis at Ursulahcf@gmail.com .

Please allow up to 24 hours for a response.

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT: I/we hereby agree indemnity and hold harmless Houston Caribbean Festival and any other entity involved in the production and staging of the Festival for any injuries, loss, theft or damage to individuals or property resulting from my/our participation in the Festival. In addition, I/we have read and agree to abide by all festival rules and registrations stated herein and included with this application, or risk being removed from festival sites by local authorities, and prohibited from participation in future HCF events. Your signature on the Band Registration form and/or your attendance of the event, indicates that you have read the above information and you agree to adhere to all the Rules and Regulations set forth herein. Any and all disputes or claims arising out of or relating to this contract shall be brought in the courts of Harris County, Texas. If you have any questions or need further information regarding any of the items covered in this contract, please contact us at 832-228 -3482

Band Leader/Owner Signature

Date



CARNIVAL BAND JUDGING CRITERIA

VISUAL IMPACT

The object being viewed seeks to create an impression. It evokes a reaction and it stirs up a degree of appreciation and admiration.

CREATIVITY

The art of creating an object and displaying inventive skills. In carnival, it is a imaginative thought expressed in a costume or structure

CRAFTSMANSHIP

The crafts used by the craftsman: wire bender, molder, decorator or builder in perfecting the idea, form, color, mobility and portability of the finished product, and the perfection of the design.

MAS ON THE MOVE

The excitement generated by the costumes and music inspiring the masqueraders to “Play Mas” as they go across the judging points. (Judging points will be disclosed on the day of the parade.)

MAS ON THE MOVE will also be judged on the stage.

MANEUVERABILITY (Including King and Queen Costumes)

The ability to transport usually larger costumes while in effect showing the audience the makeup of the design and its ability to sway and dance along with the costume wearer’s movement while simultaneously making it appear effortless.

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