

Since 1 November 2020, indoor live performances have been allowed to resume at permitted venues. From 13 November 2020, the National Arts Council (NAC) and Singapore Tourism Board (STB) also began accepting applications for outdoor live performances of up to 100 audience members (i.e. two zones of up to 50 audience members each) and indoor live performances of up to 250 audience members (i.e. five zones of up to 50 audience members each). In line with the move to further open the arts and culture sector in a safe manner, NAC is conducting a pilot for busking at select outdoor venues from 4 December 2020.

Busking Pilots

The aim of the pilots is to assess the viability of resuming busking activities with the necessary safe management measures (SMMs) in place, and at specified venues which have the ability to carry out and enforce them.

NAC is working closely with venue partners *SCAPE and The Central @ Clarke Quay to run these trials from 4 to 19 December 2020. Buskers will be able to perform only in solo or duo acts, and will play 1-hour sets (inclusive of 15 minutes set aside for sanitising between each set), in compliance with the necessary SMMs. The public will be expected to cooperate on safe distancing measures, and to refrain from interacting directly with the buskers. They can contribute to participating buskers via the available QR codes on site. NAC will also assist buskers to pivot to e-collection, should they require help.

We seek your understanding that only buskers who are endorsed by NAC under the Busking Scheme will be eligible to participate in the pilot. In addition, individuals who are previously registered as part of *SCAPE's busking sandbox will also be eligible to participate in the pilot at *SCAPE only. NAC will reach out to eligible individuals directly.

Towards a Safe and Sustainable Re-opening

MCCY and NAC will closely monitor and review the outcomes of the pilots together with the participating venues and buskers. A safe and sustainable re-opening requires all of us to play our part. It is important that we continue to exercise caution, adhere to SMMs, and practise social responsibility. Collectively, we can progressively re-open our economy and society while remaining safe.

For any queries, please contact busking@aux.com.sg.

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