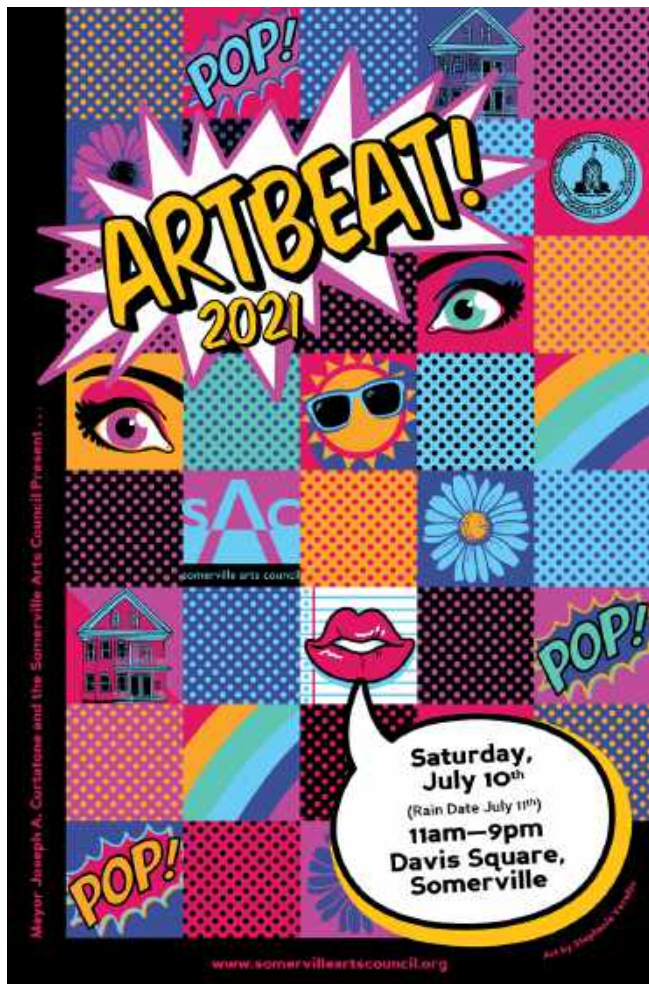


Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the
Somerville Arts Council present...



**ARTBEAT FESTIVAL
DAVIS SQUARE, SOMERVILLE**

Sat., July 10th, 11:00am-10:00pm
(rain date: 7/11, same times)

Location: Throughout the square,
including Seven Hills Park, Elm Street,
and Holland Street (closed to traffic)

**Suggested donation: \$3, plus you'll
get a cool vintage dog tag! Stop by
the SAC info table to donate.**

About the ArtBeat Festival: The
Somerville Arts Council is back after a
long year to present one of the area's
largest and most innovative arts festivals
in-person. This year our theme is "Pop!."

Get ready for pops of color, eye-
popping art installations, and a whole
lot of surprises popping up all over the
square! Welcome back to ArtBeat!

Press Release

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ARTBEAT SCHEDULE

July 10th [Rain date: 7/11; same times]:

Somerville Community Path

10:30 AM Festival Kickoff Parade with School of HONK

All day P.O.P. installation by MJ Rotchford

Seven Hills Park Stage Part 1: Dance Showcase

11:00 AM Jackie Bowden, Abigail Ripin, Natalie Johnson

12:00 PM Emily Bloomenthal, Sapna Govindan, Rising Step

1:00 PM Pasy Naay Leer Dance Company, Boston Dance Theater Trainees

1:45 PM Boston Community Dance Project, Being noONE, Beantown Lockers

Seven Hills Park Stage Part 2: Live Music

3:00 PM Grooversity Roaming Drum Jam

3:30 PM Jef Czekaj (Sequestered Storytime songs)

4:30 PM Aldra (Soul, R&B, Alt-pop)

5:30 PM SATURNIIDS (Indie, Alt-rock)

6:30 PM Boubacar Diabate and SambaLolo (Malian Griot)

7:30 PM STL GLD (Hip hop)

Seven Hills Park (behind Somerville Theatre)

All day Pop XMAS Tree Interactive Sculpture by Katya Popova

All day Interactive Gallery by Elena Brunner

Statue Park

All day Ongoing activities from artists and community organizations

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Near the Davis Sq. Traffic Intersection

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12:00 PM Somerville Faeries

1:30 PM Brocade roaming music



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Somerville Community Path (Grove St. Section)

10:30 AM-11:30 AM: Parade with School of HONK

School of HONK will kick off this year's festival with a big parade starting on the Somerville Community Path! Follow along as they loop throughout Davis Square.

All day: P.O.P. installation by MJ Rotchford

A ten foot long, five foot tall mural is going to pop up on the Somerville Community Path. All of the materials for this project were either given to the artist, recovered after being discarded, or have served some other purpose before this. The theme involves air quality, health, chemicals that are classified as Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

Art in Seven Hills Park (Behind Som.Theatre)

All day: Pop XMAS Tree Interactive Sculpture

Artist Katya Popova presents a mysterious interactive sculpture. Why did the Christmas Tree pop up in June all of a sudden? What kind of climate change metamorphosis is it—or a ghost of all the XMAS trees coming back to haunt us? — or all of the un-recyclable plastic started growing into trees?— Or just a beautiful ghost of a bride...?

All day: Interactive Gallery by Elena Brunner

Artist Elena Brunner presents an interactive pop-up outdoor gallery space open to contributions from the community.

Dance in Seven Hills Park (Behind Som.Theatre)

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Jackie Bowden

Jackie Bowden is a North Shore based movement artist, dance educator and director of Mini Movers Studio. Her pieces are often created out of personal story or emotional connection. She will be performing "Lines and Spaces," which explores what it means to take up space mentally, emotionally and physically in one's world while being on a path that is ever changing.

Abigail Ripin

Abigail Ripin is a dancer, choreographer, and community builder who loves floor work, storytelling, and playing with choreographic prompts. Abigail will be performing "In Search of: New Dance Partner," a piece about heartbreak, resentment, independence, and seizing moments of joy as they come.

Natalie Johnson Dance

Founded in 2015, Natalie Johnson Dance is a Boston-based company with a focus on creating original movement that evokes universal experiences through individual histories. They will be performing "Imagined Warmth," an athletic, striking quartet that evolves into a quirky and detailed duet.



Dance in Seven Hills Park (continued)

12:00PM-1:00PM

Emily Bloomenthal

Emily Bloomenthal is a longtime dancer and first-time solo artist with an eclectic dance background including jazz, contemporary, salsa, Afro-Cuban, Brazilian Zouk, and more. You'll "see" music through every isolation and undulation in this playful exploration of the Dave Brubeck Quartet's iconic hit, "Take Five."



Sapna Govindan

Sapna Govindan has extensive training in Mohiniyattam, a classical Indian dance form. She has performed on various stages in India and the US. Her take on Mohiniyattam employs curvilinear movements of the torso combined with rhythmic footwork, hand gestures, facial expressions and is set to South Indian classical music.



Rising Step

Rising Step is a collaborative Irish step dance performance company based in Boston. Exuberant footwork, keen musicality, and original, playful choreography celebrate the joy and art of Irish dance.



1:00 PM-1:45 PM

Pasy Naay Leer Dance Company

Papa Sy is a Senegalese dancer, choreographer and dance teacher of West African movement, trained at Senegal's National Dance Academy. He founded Pasy Naay Leer Dance Company in 2018. This contemporary African company is comprised of 8 dancers from various backgrounds. "Evolution" is a piece about how everything in nature evolves over time. The process of evolution isn't easy. It's complex and consists of ongoing changes.



Boston Dance Theater Trainee Program

Boston Dance Theater Trainee Cohort is a group of pre-professional dancers who train full time alongside Boston Dance Theater's main company. BDT's philosophy and process stretches the self-imposed limits of developing artists both physically and mentally as performers and co-creators, emboldening them to fearlessly take their place in the 21st century dance landscape.



1:45 PM-3:00 PM

Boston Community Dance Project Global

BDCP GLOBAL seeks to tell stories and speak to their audiences through movement. Their style reflects the versatility of our Artistic Director (and BCDP founder) SKooJ CoRE-O. While much of their work is contemporary-based, they are truly "fusion" dancers hailing from diverse training backgrounds and bringing the influences of hip hop, jazz, modern, improvisation, ballet, musical theater, and pedestrian movement into our vocabulary.



Being noONE

Being noONE is consciously coming together as a collective to share and exchange a wisdom that we all are aware of but some may disregard, through art, passion, and truth. We all feel pain, yet blame one another. We all face death, yet are afraid to live. We all desire love, yet sabotage it with fear. Listen to us and your heart as you watch.

Beantown Lockers

Established in 2010, Beantown Lockers are a Boston-based crew that specializes in a funky style of dance called Locking, which was born in Los Angeles in the 1970s. They will be performing "Hustle to the Beat," a combination of two back-to-back routines, both of which combine a mix of choreography and freestyling to upbeat tracks.

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Music in Seven Hills Park, brought to you by SAC and ONCE (Behind Somerville Theatre)

3:00 PM Grooversity Roaming Drum Jam

Grooversity's team of drummers will perform upbeat rhythms from Brazil to West Africa to the USA for you to jam along with. Catch them popping up and parading throughout the festival, starting at Seven Hills Park!



3:30PM Jef Czekaj

Like all of us, children's book author and illustrator Jef Czekaj spent a lot of time at home during the pandemic. But, rather than baking sourdough bread, he began producing a bi-monthly kids show featuring puppets and songs based largely on Somerville history. The show, Sequestered Storytime, airs regularly on Somerville Public Library's social media pages. For the first time, Jef will perform these songs outside of his home, backed by Ernie Kim (from the bands Llamaberry and Harsh Foxing) and Horsewind (from Planet of Adventure and Argo Arkestra).



4:30 PM Aldra

Aldra is a Somerville, MA-based performing and recording artist whose music draws influence from soul, R&B, and alternative pop. She captivates listeners with velvety tones, profound lyrics, and imagery to bring them on a journey through her life experiences. She's joined by her friend and frequent collaborator, Jake Jarvis.



5:30 PM SATURNIIDS

SATURNIIDS is Adam Preston Cissell, Mary Lee Desmond, Marc Valois, Mike Blasi, and Corey Dobson. Formed in Boston in 2018, SATURNIIDS build their sound from various 90's rock and indie artists such as Smashing Pumpkins, Pavement, Dinosaur Jr., The Dandy Warhols, and Autolux. Their debut album, "Duplicate Tapes", was recorded at Dead Moon Audio in Somerville MA during late 2019-early 2020.



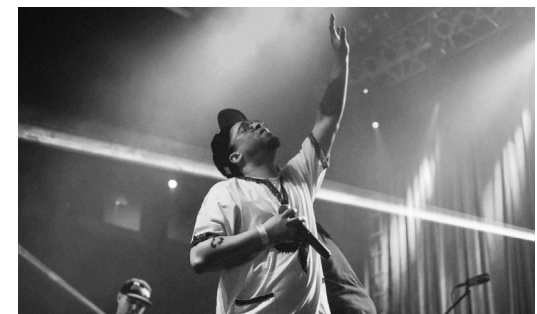
6:30 PM Boubacar Diabate and SambaLolo

Griot singer, guitarist, drummer, songwriter and storyteller Boubacar Diabate from Bamako, Mali comes from the Mande lineage. Combining traditional rhythms with modern influences to create his own style of contemporary Malian Griot music, Bouba presents his unique compositions and arrangements, singing and playing guitar with his group, SambaLolo. Singing in Bambara and Manding, Boubacar Diabate and SambaLolo create a performance that spans the full spectrum of Traditional to Contemporary Malian music from West Africa combined with Blues, Jazz, Reggae and Bluegrass.



7:30 STL GLD

STL GLD is Moe Pope, The Arcitype, Christopher Talken, Jonathan Ulman, and Tim Hall. On the surface, STL GLD are a Hip Hop band. However, through captivating performances, STL GLD continually push beyond the traditions of Hip Hop with genre bending compositions. Multifaceted and complex, their live show sees elements of hip hop, rock, punk, and cinematic orchestra all coming together for an unforgettable live experience. Creators of such dynamic experiences, STL GLD were crowned winners of "Live Artist of the Year" at the 2018 Boston Music Awards and named "Boston's Best Band" by Improper Bostonian. Their sophomore album 'Torch Song' ("Album of the Year" in 2017) paved the way for a wild ride in 2018, which saw them share the stage with the likes of Eminem, Khalid, and The Roots. STL GLD's latest full-length offering, 'The New Normal' is an album for our times and sets the path for the evolution of the band.



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Activities in Statue Park

Throughout the day:

Ongoing activities from various artists and organizations. Highlights include: blackout poetry, POP painting, poppy-making, pop-up posters, and more!

11:30 AM: Re-ViVA with Maura Mendoza and Guillermo Ortiz

They will take you to a journey of pop-Latin Rock from the '90s. From MPB to glam rock, from Alejandra Guzman to Shakira, please "pop-in" to sing and dance along with the whole family!

12:30 PM: Music with Jeremy Lyons

With gentle humor, Jeremy Lyons presents traditional American folk music to children. He plays several instruments, including banjo, ukulele, rhythm bones and kazoo. Jeremy has taught and performed for children for over a decade in area schools, libraries, businesses and special events.

1:15 PM: Paint Your Truth Workshop #1 with Vie Ciné

Vie curates spaces for self-care and wellness by facilitating process painting workshops. Process painting is a therapeutic art method that allows participants to focus on being present of their authentic mind, body and soul as they paint. Unlike traditional painting workshops and classes, the success is not in the final result but in the process that produces the final result. Participants who've engaged in this method of healing and self-awareness have expressed emotions of relaxation, clarity and a sense of peace. Paint Your Truth has been in existence since November 2016 as a community workshop. Since the pandemic there has been a national increase for mental health care and Paint Your Truth aims to destigmatize mental health needs by providing professional services.

2:45 PM: Magic for Smart People with Bob Filene

Who are the Smart People? YOU! Bob promises to entertain you with a memorable, humorous, interactive magic show that will leave you smiling and believing in the impossible.

4:00 PM: Paint Your Truth Workshop #2 with Vie Ciné

Kid-Friendly Day St. Area

12:00PM-4:00PM Knucklebones

Knucklebones is bringing unique games and equipment to get kids of all ages moving and having fun!



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Media Wall Showcase (Behind 1 Davis Sq.)

9:00PM-10:00PM

Ken Field and Allison Tanenhaus

Ken Field is a saxophonist & composer. He leads the Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, an experimental & improvisational brass band, and is a longtime member of the electronic modern music ensemble Birdsongs of the Mesozoic. His solo releases document his work for layered saxophones and his soundtracks for dance and film. Field's music is heard regularly on the children's television program Sesame Street. He is the host of WMBR Radio's "The New Edge", President of the Board of Tutoring Plus of Cambridge, Member of the HONK! Festival Organizing Committee, President of the Board of JazzBoston, and former member & chair of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee.

Allison Tanenhaus (she/her) is a New York-born, Somerville-based digital glitch artist. She specializes in bold geometrics, kaleidoscopic color fields, trippy op art, thought-provoking truisms, and unexpected dimensional qualities. Her primary formats include retrofuturistic GIFs, loops, and music videos; abstract public art; street art cat stickers; and large-scale video projections. Source material consists of Allison's original images (cellphone pics, satirical typography, salvaged works in progress) and collected artifacts that she alters via smartphone. Made with equal parts deliberation and experimentation, the results are rainbow-hued compositions that take on a psychedelic life of their own.

Violet Nox and Dep Step

Violet Nox is a Boston based, electronic-experimental, dark ambient, sonic, cosmic drone collaborative project with spacey shoegaze textural walls of sound; using synths, guitar, effect pedals, turntables, vocals, drum machines and beats.

Dep Step is a Boston based artist working in glitch, photography, and embroidery.



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Kenney Park Basketball Court (Corner of Grove and Highland)

12:00PM-6:00PM: This is POP Art Exhibition

This is POP! Don't miss this unlikely art exhibit of canvases and posters hanging from fences in Kenney Park basketball court. This one-day pop-up exhibit features artists Michael Talbot, Cindy Weisbart, Raysa Mederos and Jaina Cipriano—working in mediums ranging from graphic design to photography. Collectively this accomplished group of artists convey vibrancy and a venturing forth. Come feel, hear, and share the experiences of our local artists finally blooming and popping, after long months of quarantine.

3:00 PM: Poetry and Music by Aaron Emmanuel

Musician and activist Aaron Emmanuel will perform original songs and poetry from his upcoming album. His music ranges in genre from gritty neo-soul to rock and electronica. But it all stems from a deep introspective place of wanting to know himself and the world better.

At the heart of the festival (Davis Sq. traffic intersection)

All Day: Butterfly Garden Installation and Craft Activity

Come enjoy an eye-popping butterfly garden, with artist Nate Deverie's giant butterfly at the center. You'll also have the chance to make and contribute your own butterfly!

All day: Bloomin' Trash Installation by Danielle Harris

Experience a surprising pop of colorful flowers emerging from an unlikely place: trash cans!

Roaming Performers (Throughout the festival)

12:00 PM: Somerville Faeries

Has your life been lacking in sparkle, magic, and general whimsy? Have no fear, the faeries are here! They love going to festivals, parties, parades, and birthdays! They're based in Somerville, but have faeries all around the Boston area.

1:30 PM: Brocade Roaming Music

Brocade is a Boston-based acoustic band composed of melodica, accordion, alto sax and upright bass—an unusual but synergistic combination of instruments. Their music spans Balkan folk dances, 90s hip hop jams, 80s soul + pop, reggae, cumbia, and funky original compositions. Catch them roaming throughout the festival!



Through July and August:

Inside Out Gallery, CVS Windows, Elm St.

As we emerge from a long year, we find that new positive energy is popping up everywhere—artistic activity, street life, and optimism! As a part of this year's ArtBeat festival, this month's Inside-Out gallery highlights eleven artists and their creative interpretations inspired by the theme, Pop. From clever poppy, pithy typography/design to pop icons, this showcase explores the many facets of the "pop" theme in this collection of vibrant works. Conveniently located in the CVS window in Davis Square, this collective kaleidoscope of color will be on display through the end of August.

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Throughout the Festival, along Elm and Holland Streets, Seven Hills Park

All Day

Craft Vendors and Community Organizations!

This year, we've teamed up with our friends at the Somerville Flea to bring you an amazing assortment of over 40 craft vendors!

Check out booths and activities offered by community organizations like HONK!, the Somerville Museum, Groundwork Somerville, Paddle Boston, Mudflat Pottery School, and more!

Support local restaurants by taking advantage of Davis Square's many outdoor dining options!

Special thanks to ONCE Somerville, the Somerville Flea, and our team of volunteers for making the return of ArtBeat possible!

