



City of Hartford Troubadour Application Guidelines

The Troubadour for the City of Hartford acts as a representative for the City, its residents, and the value we place on music and lyricism in the community. The Troubadour acts as an ambassador of music and song, fostering a public appreciation and participation in song in the City of Hartford.

Eligibility and Criteria

Eligibility

A nominee for Troubadour must:

- Be a current resident of the City of Hartford
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have performed original works in at least one professionally-recognized venue
- Be available to serve a 3-year term

Criteria to Select the Troubadour

Certain criteria will be given consideration in the selection process, including:

- Excellence as evidenced by the submitted music sample
- Professionalism as evidenced by an established history of performances, publications, honors, awards, fellowships, and/or other recognition such as contributions to community culture
- Demonstrated advancement of music and song in the community as well as other forms of commitment to community involvement

To maintain the position as Troubadour for the City of Hartford, the nominee must reside in the City for the length of their term and must not misrepresent or abuse the position.

Duties of the Troubadour

The responsibilities of the Troubadour include, but are not limited to:

- Providing public performances
- Appearing at public events
- Encouraging the appreciation of and participation in music within the City
- The composition and publishing of songs about the City, to be submitted to the Commission on Cultural Affairs

The Troubadour will work with the Hartford Public Library and local schools to promote creative learning and cultural literacy among Hartford citizens and endeavor to instill pride in the community.

Selection Process

A Selection Committee reviews all applicants and submits three finalists to the Commission on Cultural Affairs. The Commission then selects one finalist and recommends them to the Mayor for approval. The Mayor gives their recommendation to the Court of Common Council, who approves the selection through majority vote.

Applicants may be contacted by the Committee for further interview, references, or material. Applications are not carried over for future years. Prior applicants must re-apply for consideration. An applicant cannot be a member of the Commission on Cultural Affairs or the Committee to select the Troubadour.

To Apply, Please Submit the Following:

- An application form
- A letter of interest
- A current resume or CV, including significant achievements and awards
- A list of original works
- An upload or link to a minimum of 4 and maximum of 7 exemplary samples of the applicant's work
- Three recent references from professional, academic, and/or community settings



City of Hartford Troubadour Application Form

Name: _____

Home Address*: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

* Hartford must be your primary residence

Checklist for Attached Materials:

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Mail to:

Commission on Cultural Affairs
Attn. Free Center
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

or

Email to: hartfordarts@gmail.com

Subject line: Troubadour