

CONNECTICUT STATE TROUBADOUR GUIDELINES - FY 2009

The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism (CCT) designates a resident singer/songwriter to serve as the Connecticut State Troubadour every two years. This honorary position was established in 1991 by the Connecticut Legislature. The State Troubadour functions as an ambassador of music and song to encourage cultural literacy and promote the State of Connecticut.

The Connecticut State Troubadour conducts public performances throughout the year. As a member of CCT's Directory of Performing Artists, the Connecticut State Troubadour can be booked for concerts and school appearances through the Arts Presentation Grant Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

MUST BE RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED) BY 4:00 P.M.

October 20, 2008

Selected Troubadour will serve in 2009 and 2010.

DUTIES

- Present a minimum of three events each year at the request of the CCT. These may include awards ceremonies, and CCT events and conferences.
- Promote the State of Connecticut in song.
- Serve on a panel to select the next Connecticut State Troubadour.

REMUNERATION

- The State Troubadour will receive an annual stipend of \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000 for the two years.
- CCT reserves the right to revoke the tenure of the State Troubadour if he or she fails to fulfill his/her duties.

WHO MAY APPLY

Candidates must display strong musicianship and songwriting ability.

Eligible Applicants

- Artist who are long-term Connecticut residents (five years or more).
- Artists with a minimum performance history of five years.

Ineligible Applicants

- Students currently enrolled full-time in degree-granting institutions.
- Previous Troubadour recipients.
- CCT board members, staff, and members of their immediate families.

TIMELINE

Application deadline	October 20, 2008
Review	November 2008
Approval by CCT Board	November/December 2008
Notification	December 2008

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications and work samples will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Musical and songwriting ability
- Professional accomplishment in the field of music
- Substantial body of work
- Experience with diverse audiences (educational, community, etc.)

Funding recommendation will be presented to the CCT board for approval.

HOW TO APPLY

You may download the application packet from CCT's website, www.cultureandtourism.org. You can digitally fill out the application, save a copy for your records and submit the completed application to CCT by mail or hand delivery. **Fax or electronic submissions will not be accepted.** For more information on filling out and saving application forms, please see CCT's website.

Applicants must submit the following:

- The completed application form, which includes a narrative statement.
- Resume
- Listing of original works
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (presenters or artists who will attest to the quality of your work)
- Lyrics and a recording of an original song you created about Connecticut
- One (1) color photo (5x7 or 8x10)
- A list of performing engagements for 2007 and 2008.
- Include one (1) promotional press packet including no more than three (3) reviews or promotional brochures.
- A high-quality ten-minute DVD, videotape, or CD of your performance. The tape must be submitted in 1/2" VHS format. The recording should include a short performance with audience reaction. Label recording with your name, date, playing time, and production credit. Cue videotapes or indicate a specific track or segment you wish viewed.

Send completed application to:

Susan Docker, Senior Program Associate
State Troubadour Program
Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Completed applications must be received (not postmarked) by October 20, 2008. Hand delivered applications must be received by 4:00 pm on October 20, 2008. CCT recommends hand-delivery or express services with a tracking system to ensure immediate delivery of materials.

If you have questions regarding your application, please contact Susan Docker at (860) 256-2721 or by e-mail at susan.docker@ct.gov.

Applicants must follow all instructions and provide accurate and complete information in all sections and supporting materials as stated in the guidelines. Failure to do so will render your application ineligible for review.