



## Calling all Volunteers - Past and Present

The heart and soul of the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival are its hard-working volunteers. If you haven't already volunteered for the 2008 Festival- WE NEED YOU! We are still recruiting all positions at all venues so sign up today! Below are just a few of the volunteer positions. Visit <http://www.harvestjazzandblues.com/volunteers.html> to register today!

**Security Volunteers**— Security positions are the key to the smooth operation of the festival. These integral positions are stationed at all exits, entrances and on either side of the stage to help control the movement of patrons to and from the venue. This is a great position for groups, pairs of friends or anyone else looking to see the festival from a different perspective!

**Admissions Volunteers**— If you enjoy helping others, working within an organized process, and consider yourself a "people person" this job is for you! Tasks include: Ticket taker, capacity counter, ticket booth sales, pass checking, braceleting, etc.

**Bar Volunteers**— As a bar volunteer, various positions are available including Bar Service, Bar Runner, bar cleanup crew and bar ticket rover. Must be 19 years of age or older.

**Green Team**— Your duties will include helping admissions spread the word about leaving festival programs for the next person at exits, to helping the bar keep their bottles organized and help take bottles to the cube van at a central location. Clearly, Greening Your Harvest is the way to go!

**Congo Square**— If you like working with kids and families, being a Congo Square volunteer is the place for you! You would be working with kids doing activities such as t-shirt painting, face painting, instrument petting zoo (if you are a musician!), and pre-event set-up and post-event clean up. This event runs on the Saturday of the festival, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with breaks provided for all volunteers throughout the day. All ages welcome to apply!

### \*NEW\* Free Park and Ride Program

Volunteers! New this year! Get your friends together and carpool to the FREX parking lot (and if you can't walk, bike or take the bus downtown) and a shuttle will pick you up and drop you off in a central downtown location every 15 minutes. The goal is to have the downtown core as uncongested as possible. Many streets will be closed anyway, and we're trying to avoid one passenger vehicles driving around looking for parking spots and idling in parking lots.

**Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>**

3pm – 3am pick up and drop off every 15 minutes, FREX parking lot, Smythe Street

## AUGUST 2008

### Volunteer Orientation August 28, 7PM- 9PM

New this year is training and orientation for volunteers! On Thursday, Aug. 28, join us for light refreshments, PRIZES, and a pep rally with all volunteers.

After we are all revved up, we will break off into volunteer positions to learn about the job you have signed up to do.

This will also give you the chance to get familiar with the layout of your venue and learn what new and exciting perks we have in store for festival week.

Training this year is **MANDATORY**, so we look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, Aug. 28 at the James Dunn Auditorium at St. Thomas University, 7 p.m.— 9 p.m.**



## BRING A LITTLE HARVEST HOME

Check out all the Harvest merchandise at Harvest Central (81 Regent St) or the Harvest Retail Outlet (corner of Queen and Carleton Streets) during the festival.

Pick up your favourite artist's CD after the show or grab a Harvest shirt to wear year round!

After all...It's YOUR Harvest!

## GREENEST HARVEST EVER!

We can only achieve it with your help! Last year, HJBF produced 32 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. If we work together, we can bring this number down.

We haven't used any paper registering you to be volunteers and organizers conduct paperless meetings. We have stopped using plastic bags in the HJBF store – don't forget to bring a reusable bag or we can offer you a paper bag. We've even lightened the load for the Green Volunteers by purchasing 50 Cupsuckers so that more stacked cups fit into the clear plastic garbage bags and thus fewer bags are used.

We are very excited to have a carbon neutral tent at the Mojo on Saturday night! House lights will be solar powered, drinks will be served in biodegradable cups and carbon credits have been purchased to offset the flights of the performing.

Volunteers are at the heart of the festival! You are in direct contact with patrons and so you have many opportunities to let them know how they can reduce their impact at HJBF: Ask patrons to reuse their cups; Point out Cupsuckers; Let people know we are collecting unwanted ticket stubs and bracelets to be recycled; Anyone who is done with their program can leave it at the entrance of any tent for the next person to use.

Remember, if we all do our part, together we can significantly reduce the environmental impact of HJBF 2008! Use less, reuse what you can and find a recycle bin – they are everywhere!