## **SUBWAY ARTISTS PETITION**

Performances on subway platforms are an important cultural asset to the MBTA and the community, and are an expression of constitutional First Amendment Rights

On December 1st, without due process or public comment, the MBTA will put into effect discriminatory and unreasonable new restrictions on subway performers.

These new regulations, which overturn an 18 year working agreement between artists and the MBTA, will:

- Ban all, even modest amplification
- · Greatly limit locations and hours of performance
- Totally eliminate certain types of instruments

We, the undersigned, support the tradition of diverse artistic expression in the subway. The MBTA is obligated to include community input on decisions affecting performances. We petition the MBTA to rescind their new policy and allow the artists to continue to perform.

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