

Hello Everyone,

Thank you again for your patience, and my apologies for my long silence. I'm experiencing a resurgence of PTSD from my trauma incident (<http://internationalbuskersday.weebly.com/the-incident.html>), which makes social engagement a challenge. During this time of introspection, and with the help of some very understanding friends, I was able to get clarity on the timeline of International Buskers Day Parade. Here's what I see happening:

** We will have the actual IBDP in 2 years time, on 9/23/19. (Please see detailed description on '<http://internationalbuskersday.weebly.com/dear-performers.html> '.)

** Next year on 9/23/18, I will make an announcement of IBDP in light of my incident, involving the media. Then a panel discussion/ conversation on "The Right to Public Space", involving people of different backgrounds. (e.g. Urban Planners, Humanitarians, Lawmakers, Authorities, Buskers etc.)

** This September 23rd, in light of my new quiet and also to balance the 'loudness' of our current social climate, I feel an 'informal, quiet, and personal' gesture is appropriate, in looking forward to the events ahead in IBDP. And in the spirit of busking, this can be anything that fits your own individual meaning of that 'gesture'. A friend said she'll hand out flyers where she'll be performing that day from '<http://internationalbuskersday.weebly.com/> '. Another friend has plans to busk. And maybe someone will make and wear a white T-Shirt mentioned on the website. Personally, I plan to go to Herald Square around noon, stand in front of the monument the Goddess of Wisdom, Minerva, and look out towards Greeley Square, because that's where I foresee the NYC IBDP will take place.

If you'd like to join me, I'd be more than happy to see you there. If not, I know we can all find that unique way of 'stillness' with the IBDP in mind.

Warmly,
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