Performing is permitted at the Oakland International Airport subject to the following terms and conditions:

- To be considered, all performers must audition either in person or by video. A team of Port of Oakland management, staff and/or tenants will determine who will be permitted to perform. All Port of Oakland decisions are final.

- For an appointment to audition, please contact Lakita Spencer at lspencer@portoakland.com or visit our website at www.oaklandairport.com and submit your request from the Becoming an OAK Busker page at http://www.oaklandairport.com/performingarts/. Your completed paperwork will be reviewed and you will be contacted by phone, given an audition time. Failure to arrive on time for the audition may result in rescheduling to the following month.

- Performers will be under Tier Two of the Oakland International Airport’s Volunteer Services Program. Performers will be issued an on-airport parking permit for use during performances only, and are entitled to other program benefits including mileage to and from Oakland International Airport. Unlike the volunteer program, shift stipends will not be given since performances are limited to 120 minutes. Other perks may be considered based on total number of performance hours per month.

- The Airport reserves the right to video tape or photograph performances which will be use solely for the purposes of educating the public about the program.

- For safety and security reasons, all performers must be vetted by Airport Security. Once approved to perform by the audition team, all members must submit their legal names and dates of birth and will be contacted regarding security clearance prior to the first performance.

- Performances will be limited to individual or musical groups. Religious, faith-based music, by law, is prohibited. Language considered to be profane or disrespectful by Port management is also strictly prohibited and if used will be cause for termination of the privilege to perform.

- Safety and Security are always our first priority, and no performance may interfere with normal business operations and one violation will cause termination of the privilege to perform.

- Performers are considered buskers, and buskers are not paid, but rather may accept tips.
• Performers must be clean-cut, and wear business casual attire. Jeans are allowed, but performers may not wear tank tops or scruffy clothing that may be offensive to the average traveler.

• Only one performance can take place in one Airport Terminal at a time. All performers will be held accountable for cooperating with other performers who may entertain before or after any performance.

• Performances must be limited to 120 minutes.

• Specific performance locations have been designated and sidewalks, hallways, entries to Airport businesses, walking paths, and security checkpoints, must not be blocked by either performers or their audiences.

• Normal business practices must never be jeopardized. Airport management defines normal business practices. Performers must cooperate immediately with any request of any member of the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department, other security representatives or Port of Oakland management.

• The security, safety or comfort of others must not be jeopardized. The wishes of internal and external customers must be respected particularly in regards to loudness of performance. Performers must always refrain from requesting OAK customers to cheer or yell.

• In the interest of public safety, any item that could not safely be approved to go through a security checkpoint as outlined by the Transportation Security Administration must not be used.

• Musicians are not permitted to sell recordings of their original work during their performance, rather, may give away CDs with what they consider an adequate tip. No other sales are permitted.

• Amplification is not permitted in the Airport at any time.

• No performing is permitted after 11:00 p.m.

• The Airport is responsible for generating an Airport Bulletin the day before or the day of any performance.

Any performer’s failure to comply with the above guidelines will result in closure of the Airport’s elimination of the performance arts program for everyone. The Oakland International Airport maintains the right to change or amend these conditions at its discretion at any time. Your suggestions on making busking work for performers, customers and staff are welcome. You may contact us with your suggestions by going to our website at www.oaklandairport.com. Go to Contact us and submit your suggestion. You will receive a reply the next business day.