

weeklydig



HONK!

They come from all across the country and the globe, clad in bunny suits and top hats, hoop skirts and roller skates. They play musical instruments and not-so-musical instruments, from sousaphones and trumpets to blocks of wood and what looks like an old bike horn. They range from veteran professionals and enthusiastic amateurs, and the only thing they have in common is a destination and a cause: They're Honk!, and they're heading for Davis.

For the third year in a row, Davis will be hosting the eclectic confederation of activist street musicians and buskers known collectively as Honk! For their annual Honk! Fest from October 9th to the 11th. The onomatopoeic name refers to both the subversive philosophy that underlies the spirit of the festival—that their music is an announcement and warning to their fellow travelers—and how they literally express their message—by honking, waving or thumping at everything in the vicinity.

Last year, Tufts held a Honk! symposium, giving the festival some pretty solid chops with the academes—and the DIY nature means everyone who attends is a potential participant.

▶ **FRI 10.9–SUN 10.11**

Honk! Parade

activism + music + parades

So, in order to protest violence and oppression, you decide to start a band. Cool. Then it occurs to you to have a three-day festival featuring 29 such bands. Awesome. Then it occurs to you to have your music/activism festival include a parade. Holy shit. And THEN it occurs to you, and this is the kicker, that your music/activism parade could lead directly into the center of an existing festival in Harvard Square (!!!!). Starting Friday, this huge number of bands will be playing free shows all weekend, culminating in a \$10 show at Somerville Theatre. Wow.

[Davis Square, Somerville. Fri/3pm, Sat/1pm, Sun/noon. honkfest.org]