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HONK! IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

Bands from around the world kick off festival in Jamaica Plain

Boston, MA – The fourth annual HONK! Festival kicks off this Friday, October 9 in Jamaica Plain! Starting at 4 p.m., street bands from around the world will be in Jackson Square to play alongside local musicians and celebrate the neighborhood.

"The Friday HONKS in the neighborhoods are a really exciting new feature of the festival," said Reebee Garofalo, a HONK! Festival organizer, "We wanted to broaden our audience by taking the festival directly to people who might not be able to make it to Davis Square."

Spontaneous Celebrations, a local organization that empowers the Jamaica Plain and Roxbury communities through the arts, will be hosting the Friday show. Montreal's Chaotic Insurrection Ensemble and Minnesota's Brass Messengers band will perform.

"Spontaneous Celebrations loves HONK!" said Ken Field, who also helped organize the festival. "They are excited to welcome Chaotic Insurrection and Brass Messengers to their neighborhood," said Field.

The three-day festival of activist street bands continues Columbus Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday in Somerville's Davis Square. HONK! is a grassroots, non-profit event made possible by more than a thousand local residents, businesses, and volunteers.

To learn more about HONK! and see the full schedule of events, visit Honkfest.org and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/honkfest.