Virginia Renaissance Fair Entertainer Application

2023 Season

Here’s the application for our 2023 season. All we need back from you is the last two pages, the actual form. You can e-mail it to entertainmentatvarf@gmail.com, or snail mail to Meredith Eriksen, 3507 Perry Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895.

**FAQ’s**

**What’s the Virginia Renaissance Faire like?**

* We’re a small faire, between 20 and 25K in attendance for our five weekends.
* We have four stages and only run acts from 10am to 4:30pm, which is a subtle way of saying we don’t have a lot of slots and it’s rare to get a full run. This also means it’s highly likely that you’ll be scheduled at more than one stage. Good news, our site isn’t that big, so you won’t have to hike miles.
* We are a non-profit and our staff and cast are all volunteers – so, our budget is small, and while we try to be as professional as possible, we are fitting this into our free time, so sometimes you need to patient with us.
* We are an educational foundation and put a lot of time and effort into training our cast to interact with patrons. That means that while some acts may play in the lanes in addition to their stage time, we are not looking to book lane acts. That also means that you may be asked to perform on stages where the point is not for you to attract a big audience but to have quality interactions with just a few people.
* We are a hat faire, tipping is allowed.
* We do allow amplification at our larger stages, however it is truly just to help spoken acts, vocalists and quieter instruments over the noise of the crowd.

**Acts we’re not likely to book at Virginia Faire:**

* Acts that can’t work an entire weekend.
* Acts that are excessively bawdy – PG13 is fine if your humor/language relies on innuendo. But we don’t have a performance area that is limited to adults only at this time, so your language needs to be clean, as it tends to be problematic words caught by passers-by, rather than bawdy concepts/jokes that cause a problem. Not sure where you fall? Let’s talk about it.
* Character actors that do not have a stage show
* Acts that require serious amplification – we’re a small show, so while you can use amplification we’re going to ask you to use it to boost your sound, not rock out the entire site.

**Accommodations?**

We don’t book hotel rooms for you, so please consider that when you quote your rate. We do offer primitive camping at no charge. You can set up a tent or park your RV. There are no RV hook-ups; we have portapotties and a water spigot, which is a long walk while carrying a water jug or short drive down the lane. There are some slots that allow you to hook into our generator for electric – there is a small fee for each weekend to cover the cost of fuel and generator maintenance. The generator only runs Friday evening through Sunday evening and RV’s will be asked to stage their appliances so as to not blow the fuse by running microwaves and air conditioners at the same time.

You’re welcome to camp during the week, but you’ll need to have your own generator, if necessary.

There’s also a KOA, Christopher Run campground, and camping at Lake Anna State Park nearby if you’d like something less primitive.

**How do I know if I’m booked?**

After you submit the application, we’ll confirm receipt. This does not mean that you are booked for our show. When you are booked, you will get an e-mail from us with the header: Booking Confirmation. If you agree to the details in the Booking Confirmation (dates, rate, etc) we’ll get you a contract shortly afterwards.

We’ll get back to you as soon as we can, but please understand that it will take us a while to get all of the acts booked. If your availability changes, or you’re trying to decide whether to work our show or another one and you need a firm commitment to us, let me know. We’ll do our best to accommodate your urgency. But to be clear, if we have not sent you a booking confirmation, you’re not booked. Don’t give up another job to hold yourself open for us! While we appreciate the thought, we’re not going to accept responsibility for you losing out on another opportunity because this season we can’t book you for the full run, or at all, or whatever it is that you expected. Budget changes, Production direction changes, customer requests, all of those factor into our booking decisions and our limited hours and stages mean that we can’t always book the same acts for the same duration, year after year.

**Contact Information:**

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Virginia Renaissance Faire

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**Faire Location:**

5621 Courthouse Rd, Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Website & Social Media

www.varf.org – our official website. Directions, accommodations and other information.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Renaissance-Faire/213104435383276 -- our official facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/varenfaire/ -- our fan site. Once you’re booked, feel free to build excitement there. If you haven’t been booked yet – please refrain from posting.

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| **Group/Act Name** |   |
| *(as it will appear in publication)* |
| **Contact Person** |   |
| **Mailing Address** |   |
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| **Phone Number** |   |
| **E-mail Address** |   |
| **Brief Description of your Act** |   |
| *(not necessary if you've worked Virginia Faire within the past two years and there are no significant changes)*  |
| **Ideal duration of sets** |   |
| *We run 25 or 45 minute sets, if you can do either, let us know* |
| **Rate per weekend** |   |
| *(let us know if you have a discount for full run or multiple consecutive weekends)*  |
| **Check Weekends Available** |
| **May 13-14** |   |
| **May 20-21** |   |
| **May 27-28** |   |
| **June 3-4** |   |
| **June 10-11** |   |
| **Does your act include dangerous or hazardous materials?**  |  |
| *(fire, flammable liquids, sharp objects, please explain)*  |
| **Is there a minimum size stage you need?** |   |
| **Will you require space for camping/RV?**  |   |
| *(camping is primitive, space is limited. We can give you recommendations for more full service facilities)*  |
| **Act Website/Social Media site for promotion** |   |
| **Act Description for promotion (1-3 sentences)**  |   |
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| **If set names are different from Group Name, list them here** |   |
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| **Web Address of videos/testimonials**  |   |
| *Only necessary if this is your first time performing at Virginia Faire, for determination of booking only, so videos you don't own is fine if they're publicly posted.* |
| **Web Address of pictures that CAN be used in promotions (or attach)**  |   |