



# 2020 Florida Showcase Community Stage Application & Performance Guidelines

## INTRODUCTION

The Florida State Fair is proud to offer the opportunity for the area's most talented residents to show their skills on the 2020 Florida Showcase Community Stage! Singers, dancers, musicians, performers of all kinds, and all ages are welcome. Interested parties must submit the attached application by Friday, November 15th to be considered by the Florida State Fair Entertainment Committee. Selected applicants will be offered a 30-minute spot on the stage to perform in front of fairgoers from all over the state. Free admission to the Fair will be provided to the scheduled performers and appropriate parties outlined below.

We look forward to making the community a part of the fun at the 2020 Florida State Fair!

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Applications submitted to perform on the 2020 Florida Showcase Community Stage must be approved by the Florida State Fair Entertainment Committee.
- Each performing group must have a separate application; multiple groups under one name will not be accepted.
- All applications must be filled out completely, including links to performance video to be accepted.
- Applications are due Friday, November 15th, 2019; upon submission of a completed application, notice will be sent to confirm receipt.
- NO FAXES, WALK-INS OR MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

All applicants who have submitted an application by November 15th, 2019 will be notified by email no later than Friday, December 13th whether or not the application has been accepted for the 2020 Florida Showcase Community Stage. Applicants not chosen to perform will be placed on a "waiting list". Vacant time slots will be filled with applicants on the waiting list and performances will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance and further instructions will be provided in that notice. Applications received after November 15th will automatically be placed on the waiting list.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Each application will be considered by the Fair Entertainment Committee based on the following factors:

- Timely receipt of a completed application
- Appropriateness of performance for our Fair audience
- Uniqueness and appeal of performance
- Overall presentation of application and promotional material

## BOOKING INFORMATION

Acts chosen to perform will be contacted via email to confirm acceptance. Upon acceptance, further instructions will be provided to each applicant with regards to scheduling.

*Please Note: Flexible availability is recommended as time slots fill quickly on weekend and at peak times. Once booked, further information will be provided regarding performance logistics, as well as ticket and parking pass distribution.*

## CANCELLATIONS

If selected applicants need to cancel after already being scheduled, please notify the Fair Authority immediately so the time slot can be filled from the waiting list. If tickets were mailed, they must be returned. If tickets are not returned, those applicants forfeit the chance to perform at the Florida State Fair in future years.



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## PERFORMANCE POLICIES & EVALUATIONS

The Florida State Fair is a family event. Attire and image of all performers, as well as content of performance, must be family-friendly. Fair Management has the right to monitor sound levels and make adjustments at its sole discretion. In an attempt to produce a quality, attractive, family-oriented experience for our patrons, and to determine future eligibility to perform, all performances are evaluated during the course of the Fair. It is the performance group director's responsibility to inform all performers of the impact these evaluations have on future participation at the Fairgrounds.

*These evaluations are based on the following criteria:*

- Timely arrival of group and adherence to scheduled time
- Organization of the group
- Attitude and professionalism of performers and directors
- Adherence to performance rules & regulations, along with general Fair rules & regulations
- Overall performance
- Audience response

## PROHIBITED ITEMS & ACTIVITIES

- Offensive or inappropriate language, including profanity
- Depictions of pornographic, lewd or obscene images
- Any material that promotes or depicts sexual, racial, or religious harassment or discrimination
- Pyrotechnics or weapons of any kind, including martial arts weapons
- Items are NOT to be thrown from the stage into the audience
- Steps will be used to gain access to the stage; no jumping from the stage to the ground will be permitted
- Please visit the Florida State Fair website for the complete list of prohibited items and activities.

## STAGE FACILITIES & TIME ALLOCATION

*All shows must adhere to the following parameters:*

- Show Director must check in with Fair Stage Manager 20 minutes prior to scheduled performance
- 15 minutes to set up – backstage access to performers and designated chaperones will be granted by designated personnel; your designated show director must be prepared to meet with Fair Sound Engineer at that time
- 30 minutes to perform – *only performers with signed waivers will be permitted on stage*
- 15 minutes to break down & exit

*The Florida State Fair will provide:*

- 60 x 40 Stage
- Professional Sound System & Sound Engineer (Technician)
- Wired/Wireless Microphones & Stands
- On-Stage Power
- Choral Risers (if requested)
- Backstage Tables
- Dressing Rooms(s) – *please note that dressing rooms are not lockable and that no lockable storage will be provided*

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## **STAGE FACILITIES & TIME ALLOCATION (CONT.)**

*Performers will need to bring:*

- Instruments/Backline
- All Props
- Costumes (must be adhered to the body; dance groups are encouraged to use flesh-colored body suits under costumes for quick changes)
- Music (if needed) – can be played via CD, Laptop, or smartphone/tablet on airplane mode; please assign a member of your group to start/stop music

Scheduled performers will be sent a Community Stage Setup Sheet to be completed and returned by Friday, January 3rd, 2020.

## **ADMISSION**

Scheduled acts will be sent a Community Stage Admission List to be completed and returned by Friday, January 3rd, 2020. Fair tickets valid for the day-of-performance will be issued to admit those who are:

- Appearing on stage
- Directors and assistants helping on stage/backstage
- Chaperone(s) for minor performers (1 chaperone per 10 minor performers)

*All other guests may purchase tickets prior to the Fair for a discounted rate, utilize gate discounts for special admission days, or will be subject to full-price ticket purchases at the gate.*

Lost tickets will not be re-issued. Unused admission and parking passes must be turned-in prior to or day of performance. Misuse of the credentials may cause the performance to be canceled and will affect future participation in the Florida State Fair.

## **PARKING**

The Showcase Community Stage will have designated parking outside of Gate 1B for unloading, loading, and during performance for necessary vehicles with equipment. All other performers should use the main Fair parking lots and enter through Gate 1 or 1B, which is best accessed via Hwy 301. When considering equipment transport, please keep in mind that motor vehicles are prohibited inside of the Fair after 10:00am.

## **LIABILITY**

The Florida State Fair Authority is not responsible for fire, theft, damage to, or loss of vehicles, or articles left therein, on the premises. Persons parking in non-designated areas do so at their own risk, and are subject to towing and storage fees. The Florida State Fair Authority reserves the final and absolute right to interpret rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Florida State Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine necessary. All performers will be required to sign an additional Liability Release submitted separately.

***Submission of an application indicates acknowledgment of, and agreement with, all policies stated herein.***

***PLEASE CONTACT AYSIA KELLY (AYSIA.KELLY@FLORIDASTATEFAIR.COM) WITH ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES.***



# 2020 Florida Showcase Community Stage Performance Application

*Applications are due Friday, November 15th, 2019;  
please complete this form typed and email to [aysia.kelly@floridastatefair.com](mailto:aysia.kelly@floridastatefair.com).*

## ACT / PERFORMER INFORMATION

Name of Act (for schedule) : \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Act : \_\_\_\_\_ *i.e. dance, martial arts, band (if musician, indicate genre)*

Affiliated church, school, or non-profit group, if applicable : \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of performers (*on-stage*) : \_\_\_\_\_ Number of minor performers (*17 & under*) : \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Performance :

Anything else you would like us to know :

**SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING** - where applicable, please include links to your act's associated social media accounts and/or recent performance photos and video; at least one link to video is required

Facebook : \_\_\_\_\_ Official Website : \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter : \_\_\_\_\_ YouTube : \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram : \_\_\_\_\_ Other : \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT / RESPONSIBLE PARTY** - all correspondence regarding application and scheduling shall be directed to the contact listed below

Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

**AVAILABILITY** - to assist with scheduling, please indicate the time frames during which you would be available to perform; *flexible availability is encouraged due to the number of applicants*

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