

February 1, 2009

Dear Interested Performer:

Greetings from Annmarie Garden! Thank you for your interest in performing at *Artsfest!* Annmarie Garden is a wonderful venue for the arts. With artist booths and performers scattered across the 30 acre site, it is a wonderful experience! Many photos of AMG and *Artsfest* can be found on our website, [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org).

For those performers who are new to *Artsfest*, we look for a broad range of performance types - music, dance, theatre, etc. And, of course, we also look for a broad mix of genres - folk, blues, jazz, youth, Celtic, big band, modern, ballet, etc. Our goal is to give visitors a diverse experience of the arts!

To be considered for *Artsfest*, you must complete a **Performer Application Form** and send along a demo, a description of your group, and photos. The deadline to apply is June 30. *Artsfest '09* will be held September 19 & 20, 2009.

Typically, *Artsfest* has three performance areas - the **Main Stage**, the **Council Ring**, and **strolling** acts. The Main Stage is under a large tent, is amplified, and has a raised stage. The Council Ring is a lovely, more intimate setting, appropriate for acoustic acts. Strolling musicians can wander along the Wooded Path and around the Tent Circle.

We are happy to be able offer performers an honorarium that is always paid within 30 days after *Artsfest*. In addition, performers are encouraged to put out tip jars and sell CDs of their work. Details about this can be found on the application form.

Please note that we have a strict policy of communicating **ONLY** with the designated **Contact Person**. We have learned over the years that this is the best way to avoid confusion. Please keep in mind that we have a very small staff, so we rely on you to help us make *Artsfest* a great experience for all involved. We couldn't do this without you!

Once we have received your application, we will approve you for the event within three weeks. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Melissa at [gardenevents@chesapeake.net](mailto:gardenevents@chesapeake.net). Again, thank you for considering *Artsfest!*

Stacey Hann Ruff  
Director

Melissa Daman Langley  
*Artsfest* Coordinator

# Artsfest - Performer Application Form

**Thank you for your interest! Annual Deadline to apply: June 30**

Applications are reviewed and approved within 3 weeks from the date they are received.

Name of Group or Performer \_\_\_\_\_

How many people are in the group? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(where they can be reached the day of the performance)

EMAIL (required): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone(daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**Form:**       Music       Dance       Theatre       Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**Genre:**       Rock       Blues       Folk       World       Rap  
                  Bluegrass       Gospel       Jazz       Soul       Celtic  
                  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Performance:** please attach a short description of the performance – REQUIRED!.

**Schedule:** please indicate your preferred performance day and time. We cannot guarantee that we will offer you that slot, but will do our best!

Performance preference:       Saturday       Sunday

Preferred performance time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Performance Space:** typically, *Artsfest* has three performance areas – the **Main Stage** (amplified music), the **Council Ring** (acoustic, a more intimate space) and **Strolling**. Please indicate your preference:

Main Stage       Council Ring       Strolling       Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**You must include a demo CD and photos with this form.** Include the demo with this application, but photos can be emailed to [gardenevents@chesapeake.net](mailto:gardenevents@chesapeake.net). Please note that we will not consider incomplete applications.

**Honorarium:** all performers will receive an honorarium within 30 days after Artsfest. We are sorry, but we cannot cut a check the day of the performance.

**CD Sales & Tip Jars:** all performers are encouraged to put out a tip jar and to sell their CDs (30 minutes before the performance, during the performance, and within 30 minutes after your performance). Permission to sell at any other time must be granted by the Director of Annmarie Garden.

**Annual Application Deadline – June 30**

[www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org)  
[gardenevents@chesapeake.net](mailto:gardenevents@chesapeake.net)  
410-326-4640

**Have you included/sent:**

Brief bio/description of performance?  
Demo CD?  
Good publicity photos?  
Completed Application form?

**Thank you for your interest! Send application packet to:  
Artsfest, Annmarie Garden, P.O. Box 99, Dowell, MD 20629**