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## ANNMARIE SCULPTURE GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

### REQUEST FOR QUOTES – for sound services for the MAIN STAGE of Artsfest '25

*Deadline to submit a quote is May 31, 2025*

*Email your quote to [events@annmariegarden.org](mailto:events@annmariegarden.org)*

## Artsfest '25 Fine Arts Festival

Sept 20 & 21, 10am-5pm both days

Annmarie Garden, Solomons, Maryland



### ABOUT Artsfest

Established in 1993, Artsfest is an annual juried arts festival held at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center located in Solomons, Maryland - about an hour from the Baltimore-Washington metro area. Recognized as one of the top outdoor arts festivals in the Mid-Atlantic region, Artsfest brings together some of the country's most accomplished artists for a weekend of outstanding shopping, exceptional entertainment, and delicious food and drinks. Artsfest features more than 40 bands and entertainment acts performing on four stages, as well as family activities and programs under the Discovery Tent and in the Zany Zone. The beauty of Annmarie Garden is the perfect backdrop for this annual celebration of the arts!

### ABOUT the Main Stage

Typically, the Main Stage has 6 sets each day, each set is 40 minutes long, with a 20 minute changeover. We try to schedule dynamic and engaging bands for the Main Stage, and a variety of genres. We want the Main Stage to create energy in the heart of the festival! Sound tech must be comfortable with a variety of music types. We will put you in contact with all bands prior to the event to coordinate their needs. It is important to note that the Main Stage is not a concert venue in the traditional sense. It is bands playing to a diverse audience while guests relax, eat and talk. It is not a situation where speakers are cranked up all the way and people are rocking out. We certainly seek out high energy bands and they can certainly get loud, but the music cannot drown out the other activities of the festival. It is important to strike a balance. Total attendance for the weekend festival is around 9,000, but at any given time only about 200-300 are sitting and listening to the music. The rest of the guests are scattered across our 30-acre park shopping, eating, etc.

## Important Details:

- Annmarie is a beautiful location for a festival. The event is well-run and enjoys a devoted crowd;
- Sound company will provide all necessary equipment and personnel to run the sound for Main Stage for the 2-day festival;
- You will set up under a large tent; the stage is a raise platform, about 16 inches off the ground;
- Sound company must provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$1 mill, \$2 mill aggregate, and name Annmarie Gardens as additional insureds; sound company assumes all responsibility for their equipment and people;
- Friday equipment delivery and set-up is available. Our site is surrounded by a security fence and we do have a few volunteers who will spend the night inside the garden on Friday and Saturday evenings, but sound company is responsible for the safety and security of their own equipment.
- All vendors working at Annmarie Garden are expected to treat staff, volunteers, other vendors, and festival guests, with the utmost respect and consideration, regardless of age, sex, gender, nationality, language, ability, etc. We strive to create a warm and welcoming environment, and we ask that you work with us to accomplish this.
- Link to the [2024 schedule for Main Stage](#)
- Please review the photos (below) for a sense of the set-up;
- We will highlight you and your company in our social media feed;
- If you are selected, we will draft a short contract for your signature.
- Questions? Email [events@annmariegarden.org](mailto:events@annmariegarden.org)

## PHOTOS OF THE MAIN STAGE

