

**2023 IOWA STATE FAIR**  
**Free Stage Entertainment Application**  
**Due April 1, 2023**

The Iowa State Fair is thrilled to provide an opportunity for Iowa talent to perform in front of audiences of all sizes. **These performances are provided for exposure and experience rather than for a financial exchange.**

The Iowa State Fair has three stages for performances. These include the MidAmerican Stage, the Knapp Stage and the Riley Stage. All stages are equipped with a sound system, chairs, (no music stands) and stage/sound crews. Performances are scheduled to start on the hour or half-hour and end 15 minutes before the next hour or half-hour. (For example; if you are scheduled for 9:00 a.m., you must be finished no later than 9:45 a.m.) This allows a 15 minute set up/tear down time between performers and also ensures that our show will begin as scheduled in the Daily Program. In some circumstances, longer performance times are given, at the Fair's discretion. There are no evening stage times available.

Please remember when planning your event that time and dressing rooms are very limited. The Fair will provide signage for your performance.

**Because of the large number of applications, final scheduling may take until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. We try to honor the dates you requested but sometimes, because of other scheduled events, this becomes impossible.** Please fill out all three choices and remember that weekend times are the hardest to get into. You will have a better chance of receiving your first choice if it is a weekday. If you do not write three choices down, you will be placed into the "anytime" file and will not be able to change your performance once it is scheduled. Please also remember that Saturday times are the most requested, if you request a Saturday performance there are no guarantees that you will receive one. The dates of the 2023 Iowa State Fair are August 10<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

If you are selected to perform, you will receive a confirmation letter telling of your performance date, time and location. At this point, you will need to send in your letter confirming that you will perform. You will also be given the opportunity to purchase one parking pass for \$10.00. This parking pass will allow you to park at the stage right before, during, and right after your performance only. Due to space constraints, only one vehicle is allowed per act. Please remember this when planning your performance.

Please complete and return this entertainment application and a promotional packet to the Iowa State Fair, at the below address by April 1, 2023. Please complete the entire application!

**Incomplete packets and packets submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Packets must be mailed. Please do not email them.**

**IMPORTANT!** Due to the increase in the number and variety of performers, we are requiring that each **NEW** performer or group submit a promotional packet to help us in the selection process. This packet may include one or more of the following: documentation citing past awards or recognition of the performer or group, letters of recommendation, a listing of public appearances (including radio and TV), pictures and, if possible, a DVD or audio sample or your performance. Performers may substitute a website if site contains all the above elements or a combination of hard copy and website information. **If you performed at the Iowa State Fair in 2022, you are not required to submit this information, as it is already on file. If your act was a late cancel or a no show in 2022, or if you did not follow the parking rules, you will not be scheduled to perform in 2023.**

Iowa State Fair policy prohibits performers from soliciting contributions from the audience; however, you are allowed to sell merchandise pertaining to your performance (cds, DVDs or shirts) with no merchandise fee being paid back to the Fair. You are allowed to sell during your performance only.

We appreciate those of you who have continued to support us with your performances through the years and also welcome any new performers.

**Your proposed act must be family-oriented and appropriate for all ages.**

Tonya Cook, Special Events & Interim Events Director  
Iowa State Fair  
P.O. Box 57130  
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

## Free Entertainment Application

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Performer/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Number of performers in group: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Date Requested (Must fill out all three) \_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> Choice                      2<sup>nd</sup> Choice                      3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

**Please do not specify stages or time requests.**

### Category of Entertainment

\_\_\_\_\_ Instrumental    \_\_\_\_\_ Vocal    \_\_\_\_\_ Dance    \_\_\_\_\_ Dance Studio  
\_\_\_\_\_ Group    \_\_\_\_\_ Solo    \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Type (Please check all that apply):** \_\_\_ Children's    \_\_\_ Country    \_\_\_ Folk    \_\_\_ Blue Grass    \_\_\_ R&B    \_\_\_ Ethnic  
\_\_\_ Pop    \_\_\_ Jazz    \_\_\_ Rock    \_\_\_ Comedy    \_\_\_ Rap    \_\_\_ Spoken Word    \_\_\_ Inspirational  
\_\_\_ Novelty Acts (i.e. Clowns, Hypnotists, Juggler, Magician, etc.) please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### References (Must list)

1. Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember, only fully completed applications will be considered.**

**Technical Information**

The Iowa State Fair will provide the following:  
Piano (Riley Stage only), sound equipment, folding chairs, 8-foot tables, and stage/sound crew.

**Performers' Equipment**

Please be specific about what you plan to bring to your performance site.

Instruments/Equipment (please list):

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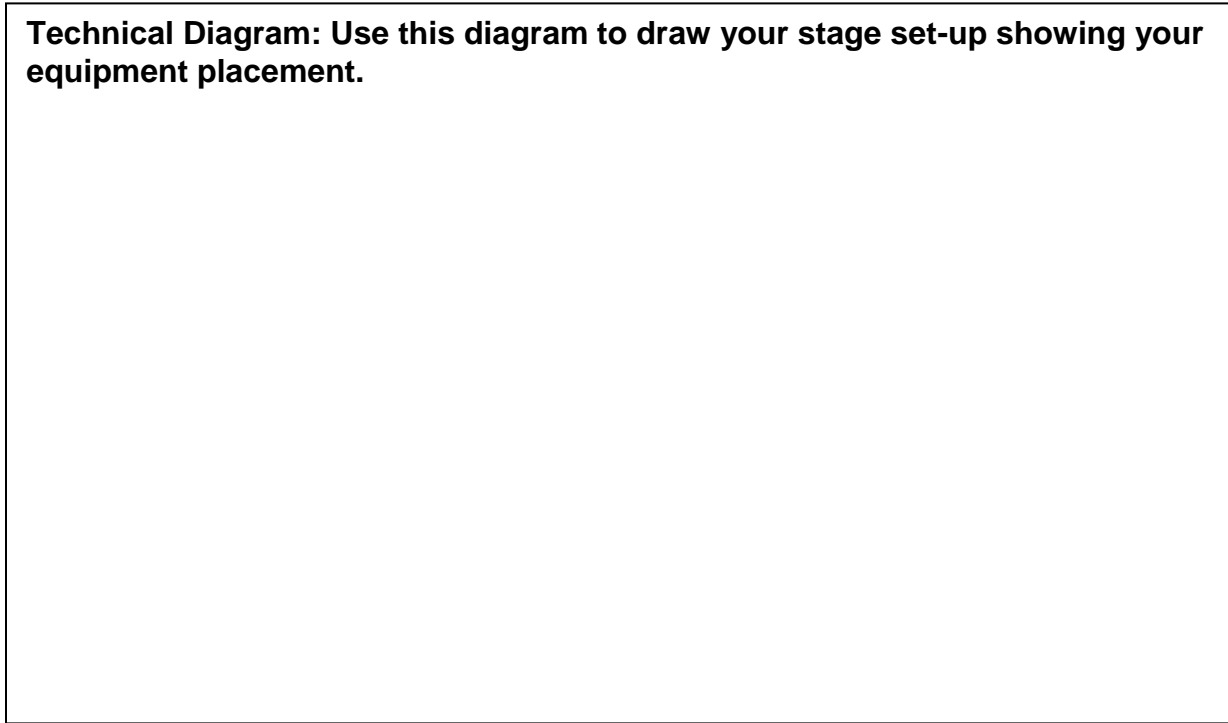
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Props/Costumes:

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**Technical Diagram: Use this diagram to draw your stage set-up showing your equipment placement.**



**Please indicate your equipment needs and how many required:**

\_\_\_Vocal Microphone    \_\_\_Instrumental Microphone    \_\_\_Piano (Riley Stage)  
\_\_\_CD Player    \_\_\_Folding Chairs    \_\_\_8-Foot Table    iPod player\_\_\_\_\_

**Iowa State Fair  
Entertainment Waiver Form**

- This is only an application for an opportunity to perform. Submission of this application does not guarantee the performer a booking at the State Fair, nor does it constitute any agreement with the State to provide space, services or compensation.
- The parties agree that the participant, and any agents and employees of participant are acting in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the State Fair.
- The Iowa State Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to property of participant.
- Participant hereby waives all claims and recourse against the State of Iowa, the Iowa State Fair, including the right to contribution for loss or damage to persons or property in any way connected to this Agreement, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Iowa, the Iowa State Fair, from all claims due to any acts or omissions.
- Participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Iowa, the Iowa State Fair, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, suits or actions of every name, kind and description brought forth from, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person including, but not limited to, workers and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance at the Iowa State Fair.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Performer/Group (Please print):

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