

Michigan Renaissance Festival

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Have you ever thought about becoming a performer at the Michigan Renaissance Festival?
We are excited to announce a new way to audition and join the Resident Cast or Guest Services at the Michigan Renaissance Festival!

PERFORMER CRITERIA

Application Process

1. Applicants must film a performance video
 - Details on video requirements, what to perform, and an example video listed below
 - Include the link to your performance video when completing the Application Form
2. Complete Application Form

Link to form: <https://www.michrenfest.com/auditions-form/>

- Resume and/or Headshots welcome!
- Complete form and upload video

Performer Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Submit the Application Form with performance video link
 - Deadline for Submission: June 5th, 2020
- Applicant must be available for follow-up Zoom video conference
 - Applicant will be contacted to set up a day and time after video submission

VIDEO CRITERIA

Videos Should Display

1. Full Body / Most of Body
2. Physicality
 - Utilizing your surrounding space encouraged
 - Don't be afraid to move around your space
 - Different "levels" of movement encouraged
 - Standing, kneeling, crouching, jumping, etc.
 - Stick within your comfort level of movement
 - e.g. - If you have a bad knee, don't crouch if it hurts you
3. Good Lighting
 - Avoid backlit lighting
 - It will make you look dark and shadowy
 - Make sure your light source is in front of or above you
 - Avoid dark surroundings / Filming during nighttime

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4. Clear Sound and Visibility
 - Please watch your video before it gets submitted

Optional / Encouraged for Videos

1. Costumes
 - Don't be afraid to wear costumes for your video and show off what you have!
2. Dialect / Accent
 - If you're comfortable with a certain accent (or multiple accents), feel free to perform and show off your skills!

Most of all:
BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!

WHAT TO PERFORM - PRIMARY ROLES

Example Video Available at: <http://www.michrenfest.com/auditions/>

Video Format

1. Introduce Yourself
2. Perform "Humpty Dumpty" Nursery Rhyme
 - Recite the rhyme 3 times, displaying 3 different emotions each time
 - 3 Emotions to Display:
 - Secretively
 - Overjoyed
 - Devastated

Humpty Dumpty
<i>Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall; All the king's horses and all the king's men Couldn't put Humpty together again.</i>

3. Optional: Additional Skills
 - Perform any extra skills of your choice, if you would like!
 - Examples include (but are not limited to):
 - Juggling
 - Storytelling/Poetry
 - Magic
 - Singing
 - Playing an Instrument
 - Acrobat
 - Sign Language
 - And more!*
4. Reintroduce Yourself
5. End Video

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WHAT TO PERFORM - GUEST SERVICES

Example Video Available at: <http://www.michrenfest.com/auditions/>

Video Format

1. Introduce Yourself - First and Last Name
2. Include Role Auditioning for as Guest Services

HAWKING

Hawking is a term used when explaining how we sell goods, announce events, and give directions out at the festival faire grounds. It's important that our guests enjoy the festival experience and Hawking adds to the village atmosphere.

3. In your clearest and biggest voice, present the following Hawking phrases.
 - a. Greeting:
 - i. "Hail And well met! Lords and ladies, welcome to Hollygrove!"
 - b. Selling great food of the village
 - i. "Turkey Legs! Scotch Eggs! Barbarian Bугers! Fine fuel for your festival fun! Right this way, You good sir, wouldst thou care for a delicious turkey leg? Step right up, milord!"
 - c. Helping our guests enter the village at the gates of Hollygove.
 - i. "Lords and ladies please form three lines!!- Groupon and E-tickets to my left!! If your costume includes a weapon, please do line up to the right! Regular tickets with me in the center! Many thanks good gentles!"
 - d. The greatest cheer of the Renaissance Festival. Let us have 3 hearty cheers!
 - i. Hip hip HUZZAH!
 - ii. Hip hip HUZZAH!
 - iii. Hip hip HUZZAH!"
4. Restate your name and say good-bye
5. End Video