

SUBURBAN PARK AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE

Tuesday, November 16

8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Des Plaines Park District, Prairie Lakes Community Center
515 E. Thacker Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018

Selection Process

The purpose of the Showcase is to gather and present entertainment options which have potential for summer and off season bookings for members of SPRA (Suburban Park and Recreation Association), IPRA (Illinois Park and Recreation Association) and other agencies that benefit from this annual event. A selection committee of recreation professionals from a variety of park districts reviews all applications and chooses those acts best suited for outdoor concerts, festivals and general family entertainment. Applications are separated into two categories – **musical** acts and **variety** acts. Acts are scored on the following criteria:

1. Quality of performance
2. Suitability of content for agencies
3. Appearance (based on photographs or videotape)
4. Price

Please indicate your absolute bottom price when completing your application. Most of the agencies booking through our organization are subsidized through local property taxes. **The committee will not select acts charging more than \$1,000 unless performing with 12 members or more. Acts of 12 members or more may charge no more than \$1,500 to be considered to perform at this event.** Talents over these prices may be included in the book directory and exhibit hall but will not be eligible to perform. Prices submitted must be valid for one full year through October 1, 2011, regardless of performance date and time.

Please note: Any artist/agent that does not uphold their prices listed in their application and/or contract will not be allowed to take part in any aspect of Showcase the following year.

This year, there will be 16 Acts chosen to perform at Showcase. Acts performing in November will perform 10 minutes (variety) / 12 minutes (musical) on stage. Selected acts will receive stage and sound information at a later date.

Showcase Rotation

The year an act is selected to perform at Showcase, it is allowed to appear on stage and participate in the Exhibit Hall. After performing at Showcase, an act will enter a three-year rotation to offer participants a variety of choices in the following years. This rotation does not apply to acts chosen to Exhibit Only. Please see below for the performer rotation schedule.

<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>	<u>3rd Year</u>	<u>4th Year</u>
Perform/Exhibit Hall & Directory Listing	Exhibit Hall & Directory Listing Only	Directory Listing Only	Eligible to Perform or Exhibit

Performers must complete and mail in applications and appropriate fees yearly to keep information current and published.

Exhibit Hall

Approximately 80 booths consisting of bands, variety and agents are in the hall, which is open from 11:30am – 1:30 pm. Electricity will be extremely limited in the exhibit hall. Vendors may request to be added to a lottery for electricity. After all exhibitor acceptance payments have been received, names will be drawn to disburse electricity. Selected vendors will be notified by phone or e-mail with enough time to prepare. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that **ALL** vendors are prepared to have a booth run **with or without electricity. Electric is NOT GUARANTEED just because it is requested.**

Book Directory

Your application fee covers a listing in the Entertainment Showcase book directory and administrative costs. If you would like to be listed in the book directory and not exhibit, please do not send promotional CDs/DVDs or paper advertising materials.

Application Guidelines & Fees

In order to be eligible to perform or exhibit on Tuesday, November 16, **each act** must comply as follows:

1. Send a completed application, \$10.00 application fee (make check payable to SPRA), song list, videotape/DVD/CD (no CD-ROMs please) and photograph (required with CD/cassette tape only). Please note: the selection committee will not have access to computers or the internet for internet based materials.
2. **AGENTS** must send an application & \$10 fee for EACH act applying to Showcase, regardless if they want to perform, exhibit or only be listed in the directory. All applications sent in by agents must be signed by the agent and artist. Agents and artists will be obligated to uphold the prices and technical requirements listed on the application through October 1, 2011.
3. One act per CD/DVD. (Please note which song or scene you would like played. The committee prefers short snippets of songs to hear a variety of your musical talent and style.)
4. Applicants must be available to perform on November 16 between 8:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The committee cannot guarantee nor negotiate performance times.
5. Submission deadline is Friday, June 11, 2010. You will receive a conformation email within one week of receipt of application. For more information, visit S.P.R.A.'s website: www.il-ipra.org/Networking/affiliates/spra or

All materials should be submitted to:

Jennifer Bruggeman
c/o: Showcase Committee
Wheaton Park District
1777 S. Blanchard Road
Wheaton, IL 60189
630-510-5131

6. All performance and exhibit hall applicants selected to participate in the Entertainment Showcase will be mailed ACCEPTANCE LETTERS by July 16th. Acceptance letters will serve as a confirmation of the contact information and prices you provided in your application; describe event times, location and parking and provide a payment stub to return with participation fees. Performers' acceptance letters will also ask for stage plot and technical information to be returned with payment. Please do not call to inquire about your act's acceptance into Showcase/Exhibit Hall before July 31st. If you have questions please visit our website: www.il-ipra.org/Networking/affiliates/spra or find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/spra-entertainment-showcase

Contract Exhibit Hall Fees: Do NOT submit these fees with initial application!!!!

Performers: \$55, Vendors: \$45, Rental Co.: \$80, Agents: \$100 (10 acts or less), Agents: \$150 (10 acts or more)

Electricity: \$50 (lottery system, optional), Book Directory: \$7 pre-order/\$10 at the event, Boxed Lunch at 11 am: \$10/lunch

If you wish to have your materials returned to you following the selection process, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your application. Any materials submitted without an envelope and correct postage will be discarded.

Should you have any questions regarding the Showcase application please contact Jennifer Bruggeman at jbruggeman@wheatonparks.org.

Sincerely,

SPRA Entertainment Showcase Committee

SPRA ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE APPLICATION

AN APPLICATION FEE OF \$10.00 IS REQUIRED FOR EACH ACT SUBMITTED
(Please make a copy of this application for your records).

NAME OF GROUP OR PERFORMER: _____

APPLYING FOR: PERFORMED LAST YEAR & WILL EXHIBIT THIS YEAR _____
PERFORM & EXHIBIT _____ EMCEE _____
EXHIBIT ONLY _____ BOOK DIRECTORY ONLY _____

SPECIFIC TYPE OF MEDIUM –**CHECK ONE**

(If you select multiple areas, we will put you in the first marked category)

MUSICAL

____ Country ____ Rock (70's & earlier) ____ Rock (70's & later) ____ Jazz/Blues ____ Ethnic
____ Caribbean/Reggae ____ Big Band (# of members ____)

____ A Capella ____ Other

VARIETY

____ Magician ____ Children's Singer ____ Juggler ____ Clown ____ Storyteller
____ Puppets ____ Dance ____ Rental Company ____ Other

DESCRIPTION – Please **PRINT LEGABLY** a short, one paragraph description of your performance style.
This will be your write-up in the booklet. **DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES!**

SPECIFIC TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

STAGE SIZE: _____

POWER: _____

DO YOU PERFORM OUTDOORS: YES ___ NO ___

Price including Sound/Travel

90 minute show \$ _____

60 minute show \$ _____

45 minute show \$ _____

Other \$ _____

CONTACT NAME _____

AGENT'S SIGNATURE _____

ARTISTS SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (Include Area Code) _____

EMAIL/WEBSITE _____ / _____

(You will receive an email confirmation within one week of receipt of application)