



## REQUEST FOR QUOTES ROYAL COURT ROLE PLAYERS - UPPER CANADA VILLAGE'S MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Upper Canada Village is looking to secure **ROYAL COURT ROLE PLAYERS** as part of its annual three-day Medieval Festival in June of 2019. Participation would include the provision of two or more actors well-versed in the history of the 10<sup>th</sup> century to play King Richard, his queen and other members of a Medieval Royal Court. The Royal Court will oversee the Jousting Tournaments and Afternoon Battle, be able to lead 2 to 3 short educational workshops during the day, and provide casual interactions with visitors and other performers throughout the festival starting with a morning greeting.

### BACKGROUND

Once a year, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) hosts a three-day Medieval Festival at one of the historic attractions it operates, Upper Canada Village. Each June, in fields adjacent to Upper Canada Village, a large medieval encampment-like setting is temporarily erected, brimming with both entertaining and educational experiences. The grounds are brought to life with a well-rounded host of hired medieval characters including soldiers, civilians, artisans, buskers, magician, actors, animal keepers, musicians, dancers and comedic jesters. Numerous tents, stages, weapons of war and other props complete the setting, and a marketplace with a variety of medieval vendors adds to the festivities. The feature attraction of the festival each year is the exciting action-packed entertainment put on by a colourful troupe of Jousting Knights on horseback.

IMPORTANT: To achieve a rich and festive Medieval atmosphere on the grounds, Upper Canada Village looks for performers and presenters who are talented/knowledgeable at their respective craft, appropriate in Medieval dress and demeanor, and whose overall onsite presence provides a highly engaging and visual impact to the setting.

Upper Canada Village's Medieval Festival has seen over 10,000 visitors over the course of the three-day event. The Festival is attended primarily by families on Saturday and Sunday, and by groups of students aged 8 to 10 on Monday.

### 2019 Medieval Festival Dates:

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, June 8, 9 & 10

### Festival Hours:

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday

### Location:

Upper Canada Village

c/o St. Lawrence Parks Commission

13740 County Road 2

Morrisburg ON K0C 1X0

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR DETAILS ON WHAT TO PROVIDE IN YOUR QUOTE.**

## QUOTE PERFORMANCE DETAILS – ROYAL COURT ROLE PLAYERS

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) is inviting a group of professional and talented actors to submit a detailed quote to role play a Royal Court at Upper Canada Village's Medieval Festival in 2019. Your quote will be evaluated on how well you meet the requirements as outlined below. Fees and compensations will also be taken into consideration but may or may not be the deciding factor. For this reason, **please respond to each of the requirements listed below in as much detail as possible on your quote.**

### 1. CONTACT INFO

Please provide your full name and contact details (email and phone number).

### 2. PERFORMER/PROFESSIONAL NAME

Please provide your professional company name.

### 3. OTHER MEMBERS

Please provide the name(s) and/or number of other performers who will be in attendance as a Medieval character in your Wandering Minstrels Comedy Troupe at the Festival, and their individual roles.

### 4. PERFORMANCE STYLE

Please describe the type of Royal Court roleplaying you will be presenting including:

- a) Character knowledge of time period. **Please note The Royal Court will reside over the Jousting Tournaments and an Afternoon Battle with some opportunities for introductions and commentary by the King – please describe your general knowledge of jousting and fighting techniques of the Medieval era.**
- b) Visitor participation opportunities/ educational component of interactions
- c) Lunch and/or break requirements
- d) Indicate the Medieval time period(s) & geographic/cultural origin(s) your act represents

### 5. WHAT ITEMS YOU BRING AS PART OF YOUR PERFORMANCE ON SITE

Please describe any props, musical instruments, materials, shelter or other visual aids or sound equipment you would be bringing as part of your participation.

### 6. WHAT UPPER CANADA VILLAGE NEEDS TO PROVIDE TO SUPPORT YOUR PERFORMANCE

Please describe all space requirements you would expect Upper Canada Village to provide for your group (i.e. size of area needed to perform, any staging, shelter, sound, access to power, etc.)

### 7. PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR VIDEO

Please provide 2 or more photographs or video links that best depict your shows and station setup, (we are looking to see your full costume(s) and space set up, a snapshot of your performances "in action" in a festival setting if possible).

### 8. TRAINING/EXPERIENCE

Please tell us about your training and/or experience in providing similar performances in a Medieval setting, including number of years, the places or festivals you have performed at, experience working with other performers, any awards, ratings or acknowledgments received, etc.

### 9. REFERENCES

10. Please provide two or more references.

**It is mandatory that performers who participate in Upper Canada Village's Medieval Festival as described above are in full character (costume) at the festival ALL 3 DAYS it is open.**

**Participating performers will be asked to sign a model release form. It is up to Performers to acquire any appropriate insurance as required for their style of performance for themselves and/or members of their group.**

## QUOTE REMUNERATION DETAILS – ROYAL COURT ROLE PLAYERS

Please provide you or your group's fee and/or other compensation for participating as outlined above, for all three days of the festival in 2019.

1. **Fee and Payment Terms:**  
(Please include HST number if applicable)
2. **Who the cheque would be payable to:**  
(Please include full name and complete address)
3. **Other compensation (if applicable):**  
(in addition to your fee above)

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR QUOTE UNDER THE SUBJECT HEADING "ROYAL COURT ROLE PLAYERS"**  
**NO LATER THAN: February 19, 2019**  
TO [jancis.sommerville@parks.on.ca](mailto:jancis.sommerville@parks.on.ca)

**SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, after which a contract will be prepared for signature as final confirmation of participation.**

## QUOTE RENUMERATION DETAILS – ROYAL COURT ROLE PLAYERS

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5. **Who the cheque would be payable to:**  
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