



REQUEST FOR QUOTES
WANDERING MINSTRELS COMEDY TROUPE
- UPPER CANADA VILLAGE'S MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Upper Canada Village is looking to secure an entertaining **WANDERING MINSTRELS COMEDY TROUPE** as part of its annual three-day Medieval Festival in June of 2019. Participation would include the provision of up to three 20 to 30-minute walkabout performances as well as some ongoing visitor and other performer interactions throughout each day.

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 – WANDERING MINSTRELS COMEDY TROUPE

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission (SLPC) is inviting professional and talented musical/performing groups to submit a detailed quote to role play a medieval **Wandering Minstrels Comedy Troupe** at Upper Canada Village's Medieval Festival in 2019. Your quote will be evaluated on how well you meet the requirements as outlined for 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 DETAILS

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

2. PERFORMANCE/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 performances/visitor interactions your group will provide:

- a) Style of Show (i.e. what you do, play music, role play, etc) **Please note up to three 20-30 minute performances per day to be provided.**
- b) Visitor participation
- c) Is comedy a feature part of your act (please keep in mind this is a family-oriented event)
- d) Lunch and/or break requirements
- e) 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 and/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

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 – WANDERING MINSTRELS COMEDY TROUPE

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 UNER THE SUBJECT HEADING "WANDERING MINSTRELS COMEDY TROUPE" NO LATER THAN: February 19, 2019
TO 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.