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Mid-East Mirage August 12-13

Special Events for the First Weekend of the Festival

BELLYDANCING—performed by the Raq Bedawia dancers. Come see their dancing on the Pavilion stage at 11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 p.m. They will also be teaching bellydancing lessons. If you feel like busting a move join the bellydancing competition.

Check out the Arabian Horse show. They will be having two performances on Sat. and Sun. at 11:30 and 3:30. This returning event will be at the joust track.

Also returning will be an authentic Bedouin village. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of the mid-east mirage.

Thanks to the entertainers who participated in the pre-season parades & promotional events. These events are an essential part of promoting the Festival & we couldn't do it without you!

If you haven't received your complimentary Tickets and/or Food books, you can pick them up at the Wedding Tent after cast call on Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th. After August 13th, all comps will be placed in Will Call. To make other arrangements to pick up your tickets, call Angie at the office. THANKS AGAIN!!!!

Send a special "Renaissance" hello on video to Kathy Kruger, who has worked Kat in the Hat, Shop #721, for several years, stop by the shop on Sun., August 13, between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. She is confined to her home, missing the show, and would love to see and hear from her friends.



The Return of Peasant Olympics...

On September 16th & 17th the Peasant Olympics return to the Festival. We need 3 teams, with a maximum of 6 people on each team, and each team needs a captain. Teams will be competing in events such as Fools Game (which includes the Turkey Roll & Turkey on a Stick contest), synchronized swimming (on land) and a hobbyhorse equestrian event. Opening ceremony will be lighting of the Peasant Olympics torch and the games will conclude with an awards ceremony on Sunday. If you are interested and have a team ready to go, call Becky at the office to sign up and get details!



The MC's of the Peasant Party, Dew Drop Jugglers, test their luck at the Lake Harriett Band Shell

The Renaissance Collection

Informally known as "The CAP", the Collection makes its home in Folkstone. The Renaissance Collection represents Exceptional work of the Festival artists in all media. Each year additional pieces are acquired. In recent years, purchases have been made primarily from Masters in the Masters Program. The Collection is really a historical view of the Festivals crafts. It's well worth a visit and you'll enjoy meeting David Bryce, Curator of the Collection.

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SITE HOURS FOR SHOW

Outer gates-
Fri, Sat, Sun loaded
@ 10:30 p.m.

Exception:

Back Gate-
7 a.m.-2 a.m. Mondays
with Security Guard on
Duty.

Inner Gate-
A and B open 7 a.m.-10:30
p.m. C only open 7 a.m. to
Midnight.

Drive-In Gates-
6:30 a.m.-8 a.m. and 7:30
p.m.-8:30 p.m. Show Days





EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

In the event of a life-threatening situation...

1. Call 911 from a pay phone. No coin needed.
2. Wait at the phone for police to arrive.
3. Contact Safety Services. During evenings, BLT & Campground have radios that can contact Safety Services. If there is a problem during show contact the folks in the red and yellow costumes.

Dave & Barb from FIRE & SAFETY are returning to service all Fire Extinguishers. The truck will be located behind 500 Soup starting 8/11/00 at 1:00 pm. Also on 8/12/00, 8/13/00, 8/19/00, and 8/20/00 at 8:00 am. They will be available throughout the entire festival to help with all emergencies. Fire Extinguishers will be for sale. Any questions please call (608) 586-5510.

View From The Hill-The Musings of a Campground Director

I would like to thank everyone for their sympathy & support through the last couple of weeks. For those of you who don't know, my mother died quite suddenly on the 18th of July. She was 70 years old. She died from complications during heart surgery. My mother was one of the first women to be ordained a priest by the Episcopal Church in the U.S. Her passion, fire and sense of humor made her quite loved by those who knew her. Again, thank you to all of you who made the past few weeks a little more bearable.

Jac Martins

Master at Castamentation



The 9th Annual Lord High Sheriff Balloon Fencing Tournament. Labor Day Weekend at the fencing booth. Presented by the University of Minnesota Fencing Club.

This year marks the 9th occurrence of this event. As before there will be 2 events. The Squires' event will be hosted on Sat. Sep. 2nd, 2000. This event is for novice balloon fencers. Close of Registration is Sep. 2nd at 6:30 pm. The Knights' event will be hosted on Sun. Sep. 3rd, 2000. This event is for more experienced balloon fencers. Any fencer who has won this event twice is excluded from further competitions. The first place award will be a competition-quality saber. Prizes for 2nd & 3rd place are TBA. Close of registration is Sep. 3rd @ 6:30 pm. All potential competitors are invited to visit the fencing booth. If you would like to register for the event, please see Melissa or Cliff Iverson @ the Fencing Booth. Entry Fee is \$3.00/event-Minimum age is 16. Festival

employees from all areas of participation are invited to compete. We encourage everyone to come watch the fun Anniversary Time

Each year the Festival has honored participants who are celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25 years of continuous involvement. This year we are adding a wondrous 30 year category! You could have started in one area and moved through several others before being where you are this year. Please write a statement to your department head listing your name, present area of participation, first year of show and the dates and areas where you have previously worked. We can't honor you if we don't know about you! And remember, the years of participation must be consecutive.



Its Bloomin' True...

If you hear comments about the wonderful flowers on site, and you will, they're all true! Not only have our Green Thumb ladies, Nancy Schultz and Marsha Kocur, created wonderful, colorful garden spots, but shopowners are doing their part again. Our Walls to the Ground program is being supervised by Janell Stevens this year, and we all appreciate your cooperation. Adding fresh flowers, plants, vines, banners, and swagging; touching up and brightening paint and trim; being innovative and creative in adding personalized touches to your space-all help to make a visit to the Festival a unique and memorable experience. We're always happy to discuss your plans and ideas and offer thoughts of our own to help you out!

A warm welcome to everyone from Castle Kitchens, whether you are returning to us this year, or whether it is your first season with us. We've already got a crew on board for this season, and are looking forward to really getting to know all of you. We're excited about the festival this year, and we are going to have a great season! We are still looking for enthusiastic peasants to help serve some of our tasty wares. If you or someone you know is at least 14 years of age, wants to have fun, get paid for it, and get some great bonuses as well, come see Heather or Kathy with CKC Personnel Department. Or call us at (952) 496-9232.

MONITORS

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival has a program which furthers communication between participants and management. The people who staff this program are called monitors. They act as the eyes and ears of the show, looking at it from a patron's point of view to ensure that every detail of our fantasy realm is all it can be. They listen to your concerns and help to find solutions. Although under the supervision of the Craft Department perform an all-show service. Jodie Belknap, Lucinda Bjørnøy, and Tricia McKenney will be on duty again this year. Dorothy Molstad will be on-site assistant to Lois Hendries, Craft Administrator, and Janell Stevens will continue her pre-show work as Walls to the Ground Monitor. Messages can be left at Gate B, and response will be prompt. It's a great program, and your input is important.



Check out:
Fables at the Table-Children's entertainment performed by village characters. Daily at noon.

Royal High Tea-Join the Queen and her ladies in waiting for a spot of tea and a lite lunch. Daily at 4 p.m.

Renaissance Smoker-The King hosts beverages, Entertainment, and fine cigars. Daily at 6 p.m.



The Costume Shop welcomes you to the 30th Minnesota Renaissance Festival. The Costume Shop is being fearlessly led by Charlotte Copeland and Amanda Gordon, as Co-Costume Directors with a brave crew, ready to take on your costume emergencies. This year's costume contest, the categories are: Peasant, Merchant, and Nobility. The contest is open to all costumes debuting this year. Nominations will be accepted until Labor Day and we will be out taking photos of the nominated costumes that weekend. Winners of each class will be announced and given prizes at the Cast Party along with CKC. We plan to monitor the CKC employees to insure adherence to the Costume Policy. Please visit us back stage by First Aid; we have costume guides, policies, resource lists, and web site listings. We have patterns and for sale; boning, grommets, pouches, and china flats. We do take bribes (which are negotiable) for special favors and will happily sell out to the highest bidder. Offer for a limited time only. Void where prohibited (AR, UT, WI & WY) Not valid with any other offer. Coupons for this Shoppe only. Group discounts not available for lycanthropes.

Amanda, Charlotte, Copeland, Gordon XXX, Jr.
Co-Costume Directors 2000

Hall of Masters

The Hall of Masters, near the Big Bear, is the place to display samples of your wares. Each craftsperson is scheduled to exhibit in the Hall twice during the season. However, if you have an item particularly suited to the weekend theme on any of the six weekends, it is welcome. Master and Mistress of the Hall, Blaine and Kate Cross, will accept your pieces and mount the display. Deborah Carlson, James Maertens and Lynn Cross will alternate as Hall Assistants. Alicia Wold is Technical Assistant, and Michael Lazear, Technical Intern. Please consult the Hall Schedule and bring in your best "work of art". Frequently patrons will see an item in the Hall and make a special shop visit as a result. No sales are conducted from the Hall, but if you have an opportunity to sell an item on display, the Hall staff will gladly exchange it for another. The location of each shop represented in the current Hall display is noted on a large site map. Hall displays are willing to give directions. You may drop off display items at the Hall beginning Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. Remember to fill out a registration card and pick it up again after 7:00 p.m. on the last day of the weekend.



Visit the Chaska Community Center

All Renaissance employees who have a photo ID will be able to use the center for the same rate as a Chaska resident. The center is equipped with a workout area, pool, basketball, volleyball, daycare, skating rink, and full service locker rooms. Call (952) 448-5633 for information & times. Take a break from the routine and check out what they offer!



Entertainment FYI's

- Anyone interested in co-hosting a special event should come to the Media Room. Marketing will have a list of entertainers interested.
- Comp. tickets & food books can be picked up @ will call.
- Entertainment Office hours-Erin 11-12pm, Lori 5-6pm.
- Any non-urgent questions can be written in the book in the Entertainment office above Bad Manor & on the porch of the Bakery Stage. (write questions in the book not on the porch)
- Water is available in the following areas:
Bakery Stage, Front Gate, King's Arbor, Tree Top, Crown, Robin Hood, Witchwood, and the Pavilion.



BEST BREAKFAST IN THE REALM!! @ Bad Manor Show days 7-8 a.m. Still at two pounds Sterling!!!

TO ENTERTAINERS:

We tried to write a Letter
Of great things to say to you,
But it sounded really dorky

The truth is that we made it
And we're really glad you're here,
You're the ones that make us great
To us that's very clear

So now its time to start the show



These things we ask
of you, Rejoice,
we're all together
and enjoy every-
thing you do!

Erin, Alex, Lori
P.S.-Drink plenty of
water & help the
rookies!

<p>\$.50 OFF a Tuna Salad Croissant 300 & 600 area Valid August 12-13 only</p>
<p>\$.50 OFF a Blueberry Turnover 300 area Valid August 12-13 only</p>
<p>\$.50 OFF a BBQ Pork Sandwich 500 area Valid August 12-13 only</p>

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2000 HALL OF MASTERS

The exhibits at the Hall are a showcase of the arts and crafts at the Festival. Exhibiting at the Hall gives Festival patrons another chance to see your work. Hall staff actively engage patrons in conversation about the works on exhibit and direct inquiries to your sales location.

Each participant is invited to exhibit twice during the season. If you feel you have an item particularly suited to the weekend theme on any of the first 6 weekends, please bring it in even though it is not your designated weekend. We will do our best to display it.

REGISTRATION

No preregistration is required. Registration forms are available from Monitors or at the Hall. Work may be dropped off on Saturday mornings between 7 and 8:30 a.m. A completed registration form must be left with the work and will be used to label the work. Work is signed in and out on an insurance roster. Security is provided for works on exhibit during the show weekend. The insurance roster may be used to give the public prices. Work should be picked up between 7 and 7:45 p.m. on the last day of the weekend.

The Hall staff will try to accommodate any special installation request and will welcome additional information you may provide to give to the public.

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

Aug. 12-13 Special Event: MID-EAST MIRAGE
Featured Media: Apparel; Caricatures & Portraits; Fiber; Leather; Metals; Musical Instruments; Sculpture

Aug. 19-20 Special Event: ROYAL ALE FESTIVAL
Featured Media: Calligraphy & Paper; Furniture; Ornamental; Potters; Toys; Wood

Aug. 26-27 Special Event: A HIGHLAND FLING
Featured Media: Astrology; Candles; Glass; Jewelry; Paintings, Prints & Wallhangings;
Plants, Perfume & Potpourri

Sept. 2-3-4 Special Event: ROMANCE & MELODIES
Featured Media: Apparel; Caricatures & Portraits; Fiber; Leather; Metals; Musical Instruments; Sculpture

Sept. 9-11 Special Event: IRISH FOLKLORE
Featured Media: Calligraphy & Paper; Furniture; Ornamental; Potters; Toys; Wood

Sept. 16-17 Special Event: CELEBRATE THE SEASON
Featured Media: Astrology; Candles; Glass; Jewelry; Paintings, Prints & Wallhangings;
Plants, Perfume & Potpourri

Nominees to the Masters Program

MASTERS PROGRAM

The Masters Program continues to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to recognize and reward excellent work. Participation in the Masters Program is voluntary and occurs through a nomination and balloting process. The Hall of Masters is reserved for use by the Masters Program on the last weekend of the season.

Sept. 23-24 Special Event: WINE GALA
Special Focus: Masters and Artisans of the Masters Program

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A Note From Safety Services:

We at Safety Services are excited for the season to begin, and have been working hard to make this season the best ever.

We will be stopping by all booths, tents and stages to check your fire extinguishers. Each stop will need to have a 10 LB ABC fire extinguisher tagged for the year 2000 in accordance with the size of the booth (in other words if your shop is a double-you need 2 extinguishers, etc.) If you have an extinguisher, but its tag is out of date-not to worry-Fire and Safety is back to assist you, and can be found by C-Gate between CKC Check-in and the 500-commissary area.

Remember that valid Festival ID is required in order for you to enter or exit through any of the gates other than the front gate, to be on the Festival grounds after hours, or to be in any "participant only" areas. Safety Services will check passes rain or shine.

On show day the gates will be closed to in-bound traffic at 8:00 a.m., and all vehicles must be off site by 8:30 a.m. After the show closes we will open the gates to in-bound traffic as soon as we have the site cleared of patrons. Please be patient on high volume days.

We continue to be dedicated to the security and first aid of all patrons and participants. If you have any questions, contact us. Our office is in the First Aid building (952) 445-2753 ext 101 or talk to the people in the red and gold uniforms. I look forward to seeing all of you at the show. May it be a fun and successful show for all!

Susan, Director Safety Services

*Note-Bad Checks are handled through the County Attorney Offices, however Safety Services will have some forms on hand.

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