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Mid-Michigan Enchanted Forest

2027 Season Entertainer Application/Contract

Festival Run: July 10th – 25th, 2027
Saturdays and Sundays ONLY
11 AM – 6 PM, Rain or Shine

The Enchanted Forest is a family-friendly event; all activities must be appropriate for children.

- Applicants must submit a 5-minute video of the act along with photos of their props, garb (costumes), etc. for review. All items should be in the Renaissance, Steampunk, or Fantasy theme. Once accepted, no changes can be made.
- Applications are due by **March 1st, 2027**. Applicants will be notified by **April 15th, 2027,** whether they have been accepted or denied.
- Applicants and participants are required to be 18 years of age or older. Any exceptions are at the discretion of the Owner/Operator and with the written permission of a legal parent/guardian.
- See **Standards and Conditions** section for full details and information. Please read the application and contract carefully before signing.

Applicant/Contact Name	
Group/Act Name	
Act Website/Social Media (For festival website; entertainers may send additional promotional images to MidMichEnchantedForest@outlook.com)	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Have you been an Enchanted Forest Entertainer before? (If YES, video and photos are not required unless different from your last appearance at the Enchanted Forest.)	YES _☐_ NO _☐_
Number/Duration of Shows	Number of shows per day: ____ Duration of shows: ____ minutes
Rate per Weekend	
Payment Preference	Mark one: WEEKLY _☐_ END OF RUN _☐_
Number of Festival ID Badges Required (up to 6 provided without cost)	
Names of people receiving Festival ID Badges (All members must be individually registered to receive Festival ID for entry to the Enchanted Forest. Only those registered will be permitted to camp)	

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Liability Insurance Carrier & Policy Number (Proof of liability insurance is **mandatory**. See Insurance section in Standards and Conditions for more information.)	
Tax ID # (if applicable)	
Does the act include dangerous or hazardous materials?	YES _☐_ NO _☐_ If YES, please describe:
Does the act have stage size requirements?	YES _☐_ NO _☐_ If YES, please describe:
Does the act require electricity?	YES _☐_ NO _☐_
Does the act require any accessibility accommodations? (handicap parking, etc.)	YES _☐_ NO _☐_ If YES, please describe:
Type of act?	Mark one: STAGE_☐_ LANE _☐_
Entertainment Type (Mark all that apply)	Musical/Singing_☐_ Dance_☐_ Combat_☐_ Acrobatic_☐_ Comedy_☐_ Other:
Brief Act Description (1-3 sentences for festival website/program)	
Will your group be camping on-site? (See Camping and Parking section in Standards and Conditions for more information.)	YES _☐_ NO _☐_ If YES, fill out the table below. If YES, do you need electricity? YES _☐_ NO _☐_ If YES, is the electricity for a medical device? YES _☐_ NO _☐_

Camping and Parking – Limited on-site camping is available (24 spaces only). Unless the use of a medical device is required, electricity will not be available to those who are tent camping. Unless the use of a medical device is required, camp sites for RVs/campers (i.e., with electricity hook-up) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. See **Standards and Conditions** for further details.

Please mark which nights in July you wish to camp on-site.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25						

All campsites are 35 feet by 35 feet. State regulations require a 4-foot buffer around all tents/RVs, which leaves a 31'x31' space for your camping structures/furniture.

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Fees – Applicants may also rent a vendor booth space for a fee to be deducted from the performance fee. A vendor application will also need to be completed.

____$175 - Standard per weekend Vendor Fee (10x10 tent or canopy)

____$85 – Standard per weekend Lane Vendor Fee
(no booth space provided – entertainer responsible for their own cart/mobile unit)

____+ $30 – Camping, weekends only

____+ $50 – Electrified Camping, weekends only

____+ $60 – Camping, weekends and weekdays

____+ $100 – Electrified Camping, weekends and weekdays

Festival Identification: Entertainers will be issued up to six Festival IDs for members of their group. Additional IDs badges can be purchased from the festival as part your application. See Standards and Conditions for further details.

- Please complete the fee chart below.
- **Applicable fees are to be paid by check or money order made out to: *Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival.****
- Completed application and fees (if applicable) are due and to be paid in full prior to the **March 1, 2027,** application deadline or the application will be denied. No exceptions.
- Please include a copy of proof of your Liability Insurance showing that **Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival** has been made an additional insured for the duration of the festival.
- Retain pages 5-9 of this application for your records.
- **Mail the photos and video of your performance along with pages 1-4 (with your name on each page in the space provided) and one copy of pages 10-11 with a signature from each person who will be working at any time during the festival to:**

Mid-Michigan Enchanted Forest
Attn: Entertainment
5120 Maple Rd.
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

****Please note the name to be used on the check is the legal name and differs slightly from the event name***

Rate (+)/Fee (-) Description	Payment (+)/Fee (-) Amount
Performance Rate per weekend	+
Vending Fee per weekend	-
Adjusted Performance Rate per weekend	=
Number of weekends performing	x
Total Performance Fee for all weekends	=
Additional Festival ID Fee ($5 per extra ID)	
Pet Fee ($15 per animal)	
Adjusted Total Balance for entire festival season	=

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I agree to the total balance of the payment above. I also agree that I have read, understood, and will abide by the **Standards and Conditions** outlined in pages 5-9 of this document.

_____
Entertainer Name (printed)

_____ _____
Entertainer Signature Date

FOR FESTIVAL USE ONLY
This contract is not valid without a signature from a representative of the Enchanted Forest festival. _____ Festival Representative Name (printed) _____ _____ Festival Representative Signature Date

Applicant/Contact Name: _____

STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

The Entertainer above, and each individual member or volunteer thereof, agrees to abide by these Standards and Conditions as published by Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival (MMRF), as published here and at later times in later documents, and acknowledges that a violation thereof may void any contract with MMRF. In signing this application, the Entertainer grants MMRF the right to use for all promotional, educational, and other purposes to promote the Festival, any photo, video, or other reproductions of any image in which they may appear.

This application does not guarantee the acceptance of any Entertainer to participate in the Festival, but if accepted, this application is also the contract. Any Entertainer, or individual member thereof, who does not comply with these rules may be removed from the site and barred from future participation. All decisions of MMRF, its Owner, and any agents acting on their behalf are final. All rules and regulations are subject to change with or without prior notice.

General Information

- The festival will be held rain or shine for the dates and times listed on this form. MMRF reserves the right to end a festival day early or cancel a festival day entirely if an Act of God, nature, war, riot, epidemic, strike, an act or order of public authority, on-site mechanical difficulties (e.g., power failure) or other legitimate causes beyond the control of MMRF create conditions considered dangerous. Should a festival day be cancelled with 24 or more hours' notice, Entertainers will not be paid for the missed day. For cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice, Entertainers will be paid 50% of their quoted daily rate. If a festival day is ended early, Entertainers will be paid a pro-rated amount based on the number of contracted shows they were able to perform before the event was ended (but no less than 50% of their quoted daily rate).
- Entertainers are required to be at the MMRF site each day they are contracted to be there, for the entire day. If the Entertainer is absent without notification, MMRF reserves the right to void the contract and will not be held liable for fees or payment of remaining funds.
- **Entertainers are prohibited from using/consuming/smoking any non-medically necessary drugs (legal – such as marijuana in any form – or illegal) or alcoholic beverages before or during festival hours**.
- MMRF has zero tolerance for the illegal use of federally controlled substances; such use will be referred to local law enforcement.
- Use of tobacco or vaping products is prohibited on the stages, in vendor booths, or in the lanes and is restricted to designated areas outside the line of sight of patrons. Individuals under the legal age permitted for the use of tobacco or alcohol are always prohibited from the use of those products.
- For those also vending, see Vendor application for additional insurance and Tax ID information and requirements.
- Entertainers are permitted and encouraged to "pass the hat" for tips.
- Entertainers are encouraged to join the festival's daily parade at 1:50pm.

Registration and Festival ID

- Days and hours available for check-in are as follows:
    - Thursday 12:00PM – 6:00PM (requires a call-ahead appointment with management)
    - Friday 12:00PM – 7:00 PM
    - Saturday 7:00AM – 9:30AM
- A Festival ID is required for entry to the Enchanted Forest and to camp. Entertainers will supply the event with a list of those authorized to receive identification. Festival participants will be given all requested ID badges during initial check-in or on opening day of the festival. Festival IDs must be kept with you at all times or you risk being denied entry. Family, friends, and guests of festival participants are required to purchase a ticket for entry.

Set up/Tear down

- All stages will be made ready for entertainer use by MMRF prior to the season and at the beginning of each day. As part of their scheduled performance slot, entertainers are required to clean up after themselves to make the stage ready for the next scheduled act.

- Each Entertainer is responsible for having their gear at their assigned stage by 10:30AM each festival day. **No motor vehicles will be permitted to drive onto the lanes after 9:45AM and all motor vehicles are to be cleared from the lanes no later than 10:00AM.** Due to the narrow lanes, Entertainers will need to unload and remove their vehicles from the lanes before setting up their performance space.
- Depending on time, weather, road conditions, and other considerations the lanes may be impassable for motor vehicles. Entertainers are encouraged to bring a hand cart or other human powered vehicle for transporting gear and/or trash to and from their assigned stage.

Stage Location and Schedule

- Entertainers may not request to perform on a specific stage. Stage assignments are made according to the needs of the Festival, as well as the type of performance the Entertainer provides (music, comedy, etc.).
- Entertainers may not request to perform at a specific time. Stage schedules are made according to the needs of the Festival.
    - Festival management is aware that some performance times are viewed as less desirable than others, and a good faith effort will be made to spread these slots evenly across all Entertainers and performance seasons.
    - Festival management is also aware that performance start times overlap other shows, which may impact your audience size. A good faith effort has been made to avoid this situation as much as possible and to spread any remaining interferences evenly across all Entertainers and performance seasons.

Performance Etiquette

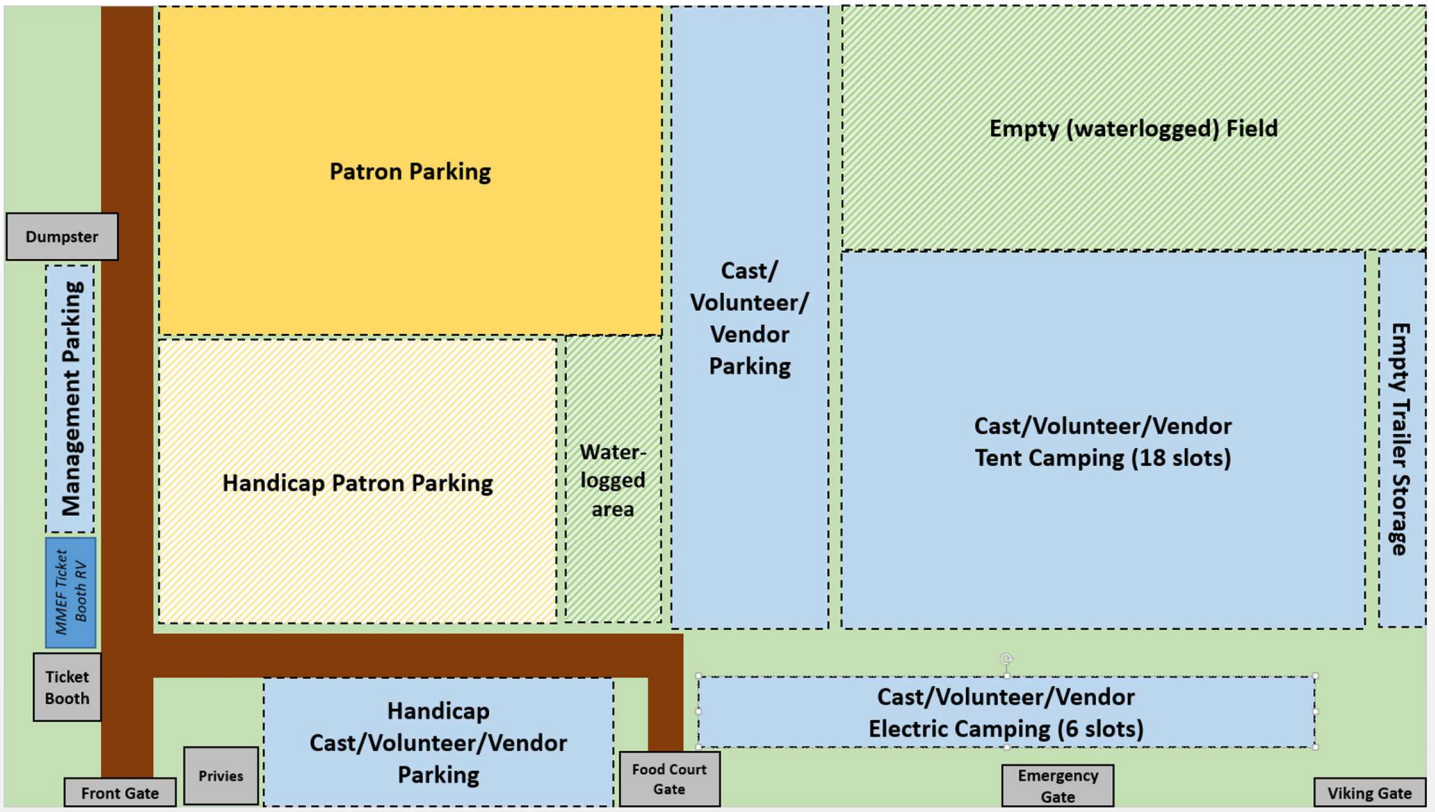
- All Entertainers are expected to start their shows within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time, regardless of the number of people in the audience at the scheduled start time.
- While the Festival allots 40-45 minutes for each performance, all shows must end no more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time. This will provide a window of time in which the Entertainer can remove their props from the stage and the next scheduled Entertainer can set up their props and gather an audience.
- Entertainers can walk the lanes hawking their shows but should not do so near an audience that has gathered to see another Entertainer or Reenactor. Do not disrupt ongoing shows or take audience members from another Entertainer's show.

Camping and Parking

- Due to an official notification from the Tuscola County Health Department, the camping area of the Enchanted Forest is now required to be treated (and thus inspected and licensed) as an actual (temporary) campground and must follow all county and state regulations relating to campgrounds.
- See the enclosed map for locations of parking and camping for festival workers.
- Be aware that the parking field can flood after heavy/persistent rains. In the event of a wet field, park in the designated back-up/overflow parking area and obey all stakes and warning indicators. If your vehicle gets stuck in the mud, you will be responsible for paying a towing company to free it. The Festival is not liable for the condition of the parking/camping areas nor for your failure to adjust to weather/environmental conditions.
- Only registered festival participants in possession of a Festival ID will be permitted to camp. No outside visitors are permitted in the camping site.
- Upon arriving to set up your camp site, you must register with the Camping Site Manager. Upon doing so, you will receive your camping permit with your assigned camp site number. The permit must be displayed/readily available within your site at all times.
- Camping site is limited in capacity (24 sites) and rustic. Unless the use of a medical device is required, electricity will not be available to those who are tent camping. Those camping in RVs/campers and needing electricity are assigned electric camping slots on a first-come, first-served basis. Minimum of 12-gauge outdoor-rated extension cords are required to connect to festival electricity.
- Festival electricity is a 20 amp system that is limited in capacity. No air conditioners of any kind are allowed. No refrigerators larger than 1.7 cu ft (dorm-size cube mini-fridge) are allowed. No charging of electric vehicles is allowed.

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- Campers are allowed to bring their own sources of electricity for their campsites. Note that no gas-powered generators are allowed – only portable power stations (batteries) are to be used.
- Assigned camping sites have been assigned that way for a reason. (Festival management has taken into account the needs of all campers and has assigned camping slots that best balance all indicated needs.) Participants are NOT allowed to make changes to their camping location or electric outlet assignments without express permission from festival management.
- All campers are responsible for the care and maintenance of their campsite and for taking all their trash to the dumpster located outside of the festival grounds.
- No ground-level fires are permitted - fires must be contained within a raised fire pit. The use of fireworks, fire-based props, or toys is not permitted in the camping area. If you are going to be using a fire pit, you must have a fire extinguisher available.
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am. Please limit light and noise (including generators) during this time.
- No ceremonies, rituals, etc. are to be performed on site or in the camping areas without the express written permission of the Owner.



Operations

- Any child under the age of 13 authorized as part of an Entertainment group should be accompanied by an adult.
- If you will have your pet or service animal with you (whether in your vendor tent or campsite), you must observe the following rules regarding animals:
  - All animals must be well-behaved and kept on a 4-foot or shorter leash at all times.
  - Waste bags are not available. You must provide your own and you must clean up after your pet.
  - All animals must be current on their vaccinations, especially rabies (if applicable). Proof of vaccination must be provided upon request (digital photo of vaccination record is acceptable).
  - You should bring your own water for your pet.
  - Public water dishes are not available, so you should bring your own container.
  - Event owners reserve the right to eject any aggressive or obviously ill animal.
  - You assume full responsibility for any risk to yourself, other people or other animals that may result from the presence/behavior of your animals.

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- Trash receptacles located on the lanes are for the benefit of our patrons. **ENTERTAINERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THEIR TRASH DIRECTLY TO THE DUMPSTER LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS.** The dumpster is only for small trash generated on site during the run of the event – it is not for the dumping of large junk items such as mattresses, furniture, etc. The area around the dumpster is monitored, and violators will be charged a $25 fine per instance. Repeat violators may have future applications denied.
- **Electrical capacity and availability are limited to certain stages/areas of festival grounds.** Battery-powered electronic devices (such as sound amplification) are strongly recommended. If you require an electrical outlet, please make sure to indicate it on the first page of this application.
- Drinking water is available from a cooler located at the Tavern. Additional water is available from a sink outside the ticket booth and has been tested and certified by the health Department of Tuscola County.
- Any and all belongings, including but not limited to merchandise, personal property, storage containers, camping equipment, and structures, remaining on festival grounds 30 days after the end of the event will become the property of MMRF to dispose or make use of as seen fit with no further warning, written or verbal.

Weapons

- Entertainers must receive written approval to utilize weapons or other hazardous materials in their performances. Those approved are responsible to have all federal, state, and county permits necessary to use such items, shall assume all responsibility associated with such use, are responsible ensuring all weapons are peace-tied or otherwise secured when not in use as part of the act, and ensure a safe distance between the act and the audience is maintained. Violation of this policy will mean the immediate removal of the offending parties from the premises. See insurance requirements.
- If you are in possession of a CPL, firearms of any kind are not allowed on festival grounds. Leave your weapon locked inside your vehicle.

Insurance Requirements

- It is mandatory that all Entertainers carry liability insurance, either for the group as a whole or each performer individually.
- The Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival must be added as an Additional Insured to the policy for the duration of the festival. **A copy of proof of insurance must accompany your application** and **it must show "Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival"** as an Additional Insured. This copy will be kept on file with MMRF. If a copy is not received, the Entertainment application will be rejected; if the insurance is voided for any reason before or during the contracted event, the Entertainment contract will be void and the Entertainer will not be permitted to perform.
- If you do not current have a liability insurance policy, here are some resources from which you can obtain one.
    - Specialty Insurance Agency (https://www.specialtyinsuranceagency.com)
        - Coverage for 1 year was priced at $312 in 2026; Coverage for a single event was $154
    - Insurance Canopy (https://partners.insurancecanopy.com/mid-michigan-enchanted-forest)
        - Coverage for 1 year was priced at $199 in 2026

Small Print

- The Parties in this Contract intend their relationship be one between an independent contractor (Entertainer) and customer (MMRF). No employee, agent, servant, representative, or contractor of Entertainer shall be or deemed to be an employee, agent, servant, representative, or contractor of MMRF and are entitled to none of the benefits provided by an employer to its employees, including but not limited to any wages or compensation, workers' compensation insurance, or unemployment insurance, sufficient coverage for work-related injuries sustained by Entertainer's employees, employers' liability coverage, auto liability coverage, and general liability coverage shall be available from or through MMRF to Entertainer or employees, et al. of Entertainer at any time. Entertainer shall remain liable for the acts of its employees et al. during the performance of any Entertainer's obligations arising under the Contract and during any travel to and/or from MMRF.
- The Contract represents the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations and/or agreements between the parties. Any additions, deletions, or revisions to the Contract made by Entertainer must be in writing, signed, and dated by both Parties to be valid.

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- Entertainer agrees to comply with all local ordinances and codes, state and federal statutes and regulations, and CDC guidelines, whether existing or in the future, in performing its obligations arising out of the Contract. Entertainer agrees to deduct, pay, and remain solely responsible for any necessary workman's compensation insurance premiums, income taxes, state taxes, Michigan State sales tax, required withholdings, employment insurance premiums, agent's fees or commissions, or union dues arising out of the performance of Entertainer's obligations arising under the Contract, and Entertainer will hold MMRF harmless against any such expenses, fees, commissions, and/or alleged violation(s)of any local ordinances, codes, statutes, and/or regulations, as well as against any claim(s) by any union(s) and/or agent(s) for benefits, fees, commissions, dues, or other payments arising out of r resulting from the performance contemplated herein.
- The Entertainer represents and warrants that in performing their obligations under the Contract they and/or their employees et al. are not and will not be infringing upon any property right, patent right, or other legal right of any person or entity; and, if any suit is brought or claim is made by anyone alleging the Entertainer (or anyone in conjunction with the ownership or presentation of the performance by Entertainer) is infringing upon or violating any property right, patent right, or other legal right by performing the services contemplated herein, then the Entertainer will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MMRF against and from any and all loss, claim, damage, cost, attorney fees or other loss whatsoever.
- Any damage to MMRF property or rented equipment which results from the acts or omissions of the Entertainer and/or their employees et al. shall be the responsibility of the Entertainer; payment for any such damage shall be made by the Entertainer within thirty (30) days of written notification of the damage by MMRF.
- If a provision of this Contract is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability in that jurisdiction of any other provision of the Contract; or the validity or enforceability in other jurisdictions of that or any other provision of this Contract.

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Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

This agreement releases Mid-Michigan Renaissance Festival (MMRF) and Grainger Family LLC (GFLLC) and any of their owners/operators, management, affiliates, employees, vendors/merchants, entertainers, sponsors, cast, crew, volunteers, and/or their kin (family) from any and all liability relating but not limited to injuries; property damage; theft that may occur prior to, during, and following the conclusion for the event. By signing this agreement, I agree to hold MMRF/GFLLC et al. entirely free from any and all liability. In signing, I agree MMRF/GFLLC et al. are to be held harmless in any and all capacities; including but not limited to financial responsibility for injuries incurred; theft and damage/destruction to personal property; tax and finance disputes; vandalism; personal injury; mental distress; loss of income; injury to others; injury to a patron and/or any other participant; injury to my or a another's pet/service animal; and/or vehicular damage regardless of whether any of the previous are caused by personal negligence, acts of god, and/or acts of others.

I swear I am participating voluntarily with MMRF/GFLLC, and the risks have been made clear to me, and I do not have any conditions which will increase the likelihood I will experience injuries while engaging pre-season, during season, and post season Event activities. I assume all responsibility for myself, my body, my mental state and that of any owners/operators, management, affiliates, employees, vendors/merchants, entertainers, sponsors, cast, crew, volunteers, and/or their kin (family), or guests associated with my contracted event and for any damages caused by the aforementioned to the property or the structures on the property.

By signing, I forfeit all rights to bring any suit against MMRF/GFLLC et al. for any reason. In return, I and those aforementioned for whom I have assumed responsibility will be permitted to participate in the event. I will also make every effort to obey all safety precautions, MMRF/GFLLC rules and regulations, MMRF Codes of Conduct, Michigan State Law, tax laws, and federal laws.

I acknowledge I will assume all responsibility for my actions, the actions of my management, affiliates, employees, sponsors, crew, volunteers, and guests. I agree not to possess or consume any controlled substances as defined in the Controlled Substances Act unless prescribed by a physician in accordance with federal law while the MMRF/GFLLC property. I agree that should provisions of this Agreement become illegal, invalid, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability in that jurisdiction of any other provision of this Agreement or the validity or enforceability in other jurisdictions of that or any other provision of this Agreement.

I HAVE READ THIS CONTRACT AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELYAND VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARENTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE NAMED ABOVE TO THE GREATEST EXTEND ALLOWED BY FEDERAL AND MICHIGAN STATE LAW.

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Name (printed) Performance Act Name

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Signature Date

Applicant/Contact Name: _____

For Entertainment groups with more than one attending member, all participating members should sign this waiver here:

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