



Artist Application Information – 2024

Thank you for your interest in the FolkWorld Fairbridge Festival. This information outlines how the festival operates and should help you with preparing your application and fee.

Please explore our website and socials for more information and visuals on the wonderful atmosphere and friendly vibe of the festival.

Artist Applications – The Process

Applications for the 2024 Fairbridge Festival open on Friday 1 September 2023 and **close Saturday 30 September 2023** at 11.45pm (AWST GMT +8). We intend to finalise the outcome of all applications by email in early December 2023.

Fairbridge Festival has a focus on folk, world and roots-based music genres, inclusive of cultural diversity and creative interpretation, plus a key emphasis on the involvement of families.

The festival structure includes a curated music and arts program of international, interstate, and local artists presented in various venues throughout the festival site; specialised Children's (5-12) and Youth (13-17) programs with entertainment, performance opportunities, and interactive workshop activities; Dance displays and workshops; Music skills workshops; Cultural presentations; Street performance; plus non-programmed hosted community stages for 'open mic' performances and spaces for informal music sessions.

We receive many more performer applications than spaces available but offer many different ways of engaging with our welcoming Fairbridge Festival community.

Please read the information below and let us know in your notes if you have any great new ideas on how you can add to the Fairbridge Festival experience.

Music Program

The Music program and venue allocation accommodates a range of music genres, performance styles, and artistic interpretations. Concert performances are generally 40-minute sets, with 20-minute changeovers. Some combined concerts are allocated longer sound checks. See further information on Production below.

Music Workshops & Presentations

Music workshops and presentations are key components of the festival program, and we encourage your creative input if you have something inspiring you would like to share with our festival community. Workshops can be pitched for adult, youth or child levels and can focus on specific music styles, instrument, song craft or performance skills. Workshops are generally 45-minutes and collaborative interactive experiences are encouraged.



Children's Program

The children's program is focussed for 5-12 yr olds and components are separated into early and upper primary years. There is a dedicated performance stage and other activity spaces in the children's area. We will require all artists working in close quarters with minors to provide a current Working with Children Check card.

Youth Program

The dedicated youth area will have a stage program featuring predominantly high school youth aged 13-17 years, plus interactive music skills, song craft and arts workshop activities.

Dance Program

Our dance program seeks presentation displays of dancing and/or participative workshops. Production can also be provided if working with a live band.

Street Performance

Fairbridge Festival becomes a colourful carnival, and we encourage applications from vibrant street performers that can activate the festival site throughout the weekend.

Other Offerings

If you have a great idea that doesn't fall into any of these categories, then please let us know. We can book circus acts, parades and processions, roving artists, serial session starters, spoken word performers, theatre shows, and other new and wonderful experiences for our festival community.

Production

Full sound production, staging, and operators will be provided to all performance venues. If you need to bring your own FOH engineer, let us know, but it is not necessary. Requested backline will be provided to most performance venues. Drummers: BYO snare and cymbals. Our workshop space will have a very small PA provided without an operator. We can only provide limited wireless headset microphones – so please only request one if it's essential.

Arts Workshops

For arts workshops, please provide as much technical detail as you can (particularly your power requirements). We cannot provide materials, so please include materials costs in your quote. We have limited storage space, so please let us know if you require us to store your materials. The space has trestle tables and chairs provided, plus helpful volunteers to assist your workshop.



Street Performers

Please be detailed about how much space you need, how much power you require, and how loud you are. Please also note that we need to apply for special permits if you wish to use fire in any way, so please be very clear on your application.

Instrument Lockup & Transport

We provide a secure instrument lockup service to all performers, so you can keep your gear in a safe environment. If you have unusually heavy or bulky equipment, we can also assist with moving your gear to your performances. No vehicles are allowed across the festival precinct site. Vehicle movement in the camping area is restricted to emergency only (one you've arrived and set up your camp). Our team will be on hand to assist.

Credentials (Tickets)

All performers are provided with festival tickets (we do not provide a +1), which includes camping in the artist camping area if you wish. Camping means we provide you with space for your camp gear (car spaces are limited) – it is BYO all camping supplies. No power is available to campers.

Accommodation

Interstate and international artists may be offered accommodation if required. Accommodation close to the venue is limited and we will do our best to meet your specific needs. Accommodation requests will be sought if your application to perform is selected. We cannot guarantee all requests. FolkWorld Inc. only offer the cost of room lodging and any other personal costs, eg: meals, beverages, room service, laundry, etc., are not covered. All local artists have camping included in their ticket. Camping is BYO all your own supplies.

Transport

We do not book flights for performers. Please consider this when providing your quote. We provide a shuttle bus service for performers between Perth Airport and the festival site, which is about a 90km journey. We cannot guarantee ground transport. Please get in touch before booking any flights. In case of the resumption of Covid-19 state border closures, we cannot assist with getting your G2G pass to enter WA.

Hospitality

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate hospitality riders of performers. There are many wonderful food and drink vendors, and some bars in the festival precinct. You are welcome to bring your own food with you to the festival site. There is a local shopping centre within walking distance of the festival precinct. There are strictly no campfires allowed, and no power available to campsites.



Artist Central is a space we provide for artists to relax and hang out. There is tea and coffee provided, an info desk, and lots of space to chill. In addition, there are small marquee greenrooms provided at some performance venues.

Fee

Your requested fee must be a quote for a **delivered fee** which is the amount entered where indicated on the application form. This means that we cannot cover any further expenses. Based on artist feedback, FolkWorld is introducing a range of delivered fee options per act for your consideration. For local performers, you might consider that there are more performer applications than places available and fees will not be negotiated. If you have any questions about this, please contact us at artists@fairbridgefestival.com.au.

We require performers to provide an invoice, with an ABN or Statement by Supplier, to make payment. Australian law requires us to withhold 48% of your fee if no ABN or Statement by Supplier is provided.

Working with Children Check

We require that all artists working in close quarters with minors provide us with a current Working with Children Check card. This mostly applies to those presenting youth or children's arts workshops. Contact us if you require more information.

Merchandise

We provide an Artist Merchandise area inside our Festival Shop where artists may lodge merchandise for sale. Sales made through the shop will be subject to a commission.

International Performers

We require that international performers have an Australian agent. Please contact us if you need more information, we'd love to help. We cannot book flights for you. We cannot assist with your immigration requirements and visa applications.

FAQ

- If you have multiple acts, please apply separately for each act. If your fee will change depending on if we book multiple acts, just add that info in the 'Anything Else?' box.
- Unfortunately, we do not have the time to provide feedback or discuss your application.
- If you would love to be involved in another way, there are great opportunities to MC or volunteer at the festival. Join the mailing list to find out more.
- You can join the mailing list by signing up on our website [Sign up to the mailing list | Fairbridge Festival](#) !



For more information: artists@fairbridgefestival.com.au

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