

All the Faire is a stage for the Participant, and never more so than for the Entertainers and Performing Artists involved in Interactive Theater with Villager and Visitor alike. Theater Guilds, Street Players, Musicians, and Character Actors to name but a few, each with their own personality and talent bring Life, Laughter, and Delight to the streets of the Village. And for some, this is where you can indulge that secret lifelong urge to be a ham....and get away with it!



BUSKING & PASSING THE HAT

All Shrewsbury performers, whether scheduled on stage or in the streets, are encouraged to Pass The Hat. Get out your Busking Bowl. Hand out information and literature about Who You Are and What You Are Doing. And of course, getting the Public to join in with you is greatly encouraged! There are no vendor or site fees for performers who pass the hat, or musicians selling copies of their own work, or performers wishing to gain advertising and recruitment exposure for themselves or their groups, on the understanding that they will accept schedule performances and/or play during both days of faire.

HOW WE PLAY

To keep the Elizabethan Renaissance Village atmosphere, Shrewsbury has both stages and performance areas of varying sizes scattered throughout the Village. You are encouraged to perform both days at least 3 times per day if you can. Performances over 25 minutes each must have prior approval from Performing Arts & Entertainment Coordinator. NOTE: New and returning acts may be asked to audition or send an audition tape or video for review by the Entertainment Director.

TYPES OF PERFORMANCE

Street Characters
Musicians
Dancers
Stage Plays
Comedy
Pipers

Jugglers
Magicians
Story Tellers
Puppeteers
Fools
Morris Dancers

BLADEWORK

Performers using weapons of any kind or wishing to draw steel for street gigs, stage shows, or other exhibits must first obtain approval from the Shrewsbury Fight Director. Auditions, either live or on tape, may be required, and should be obtained well in advance of Faire.

PERFORMANCE TRADES

Shrewsbury offers a no cost 10 x 15 Village vending space in trade for performances. Booth must comply with current SRF booth guidelines, and may carry only CD's, tapes, videos, or literature of your performance, or your own handmade musical instruments used in your performance. To be eligible, you must also be accepted as a scheduled stage performer both days of Faire. If interested, please request and submit a separate Vendor Application.

MUSIC IN THEME

To keep within the Renaissance time period, certain instruments may not be acceptable. Not everyone has a Sackbutt or a Rackette, or a Snake, but do avoid modernism's such as steel string guitars, banjos, or string basses. Not sure about your instruments? Give us a call.

Recorders
Harps
Mandolins
Non valve Brass
Certain Drums

Bagpipes
Concertinas
Fiddles
Bodhrans
Bones

Lutes
Hurdy Gurdys
Classical Guitars
Tambourines
Psalteries

