



2017 AUDITION SCHEDULE

The 14th Annual Sarasota Medieval Fair invites you to our open auditions on Saturday and Sunday, August 19th & 20th, 2017. You only need to come one day, not both. We encourage amateur and festival enthusiasts to come out and have fun! This audition is relaxed and casual and we want to get to know YOU! Have no fear, we all started out somewhere. Be ready to introduce yourself and be silly.

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes (as you will be outdoors) and perhaps water and a blanket/chair to sit on. Costumes are welcome; however they are NOT required at this time (however, for Independent Performers auditioning, you must be wearing a costume). All ages are welcome, but children 12 and under must have a parent present at the time of auditioning.

The schedule will be as follows:

GENERAL CAST – Starts at 9:00am: This is the audition to be part of the festival, written into the scenario, learn improv, history and play in the lanes! There is no limit to how many people will be accepted for our general cast – just those who are ready to learn, meet new friends, and have fun performing!

HUMAN COMBAT CHESSBOARD CAST (You must audition for General Cast to be considered for Chessboard Cast) – Starts at 1pm: Only a max of 40 people will be accepted for Chessboard Cast. Here you will learn the basics of stage combat (sword fighting, rolls, hits, falls, etc...) through the style and teachings of Dean Bowden. This performance is very physical and you must be able to attend both Saturday and Sunday rehearsals from 9a – 4p, beginning on Aug. 26, 2017 until the festival in November.

Rehearsals

General Cast Rehearsals: All cast are required to attend Saturday morning rehearsals from approx. 9am to 12pm where you will learn the basics of improv, the history of the scenario, costuming and theater games. If you have small children, please make appropriate arrangements as we cannot risk the distraction of others.

Human Combat Chessboard Cast Rehearsals: Along with the General Cast rehearsals, combatants will be rehearsing both Saturday & Sunday from 9a – 3p. It's encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and footwear (no sandals or flip flops) and to bring water and pack a lunch (we will break for 1 hour in the middle and there are fast food restaurants nearby). If you have small children, please make appropriate arrangements as we cannot risk the distraction.

Commitment & Conflicts: This year, all rehearsal conflicts will be considered before casting. It's very important for all those involved (especially if you're on the chessboard cast) to be present for all rehearsals. Tardiness and unexpected absences not pre-cleared can result in being dropped from the cast.

The performance dates will be Nov. 4-5, 11-12, & 18-19, 2017 from 8a – 6p, rain or shine. All those cast in the festival will be notified by phone or email, so please write legibly. We look forward to meeting new faces and encourage veterans to return!

AUDITIONS will be held at the Sarasota Fairgrounds (the festival site):
3000 Ringling Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34237
Fair Site is left of the Robarts Arena and across from the DMV.

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dean Bowden at 941-914-1851 or ArtisticDirector@sarasotamediievalfair.com