

North Texas Irish Festival

The First Weekend of March since 1983.

Dear Arts and Crafts Vendor,

We are pleased to announce the 24th Annual North Texas Irish Festival to be held at Fair Park in Dallas. We are proud to say that the Festival will once again be the largest Irish Festival in the Southwest and one of the largest in the Nation. Our purpose is to provide both an educational and entertaining Irish Experience for those who attend. We accomplish this by bringing together the very best in Irish musicians, dancers, artists and other performers, as well as a great number of quality vendors, displays and special events. We've enjoyed phenomenal growth since our first Festival in March of 1983, and welcome the challenge to continue to expand and improve. NTIF Vendors are an important part of our Festival, and we hope that you will join us for this Texas-sized Irish celebration. Guarantee your space at the Festival by completing the vendor application and sending it to us today.

Best Wishes on behalf of the North Texas Irish Festival!

Martha Carter – NTIF Vendor Coordinator



About the Festival:

The North Texas Irish Festival is produced and sponsored by the Southwest Celtic Music Association, a nonprofit, tax exempt organization dedicated to the “study, performance, promotion and preservation of Celtic music and dance in the Southwest.” Since its beginning in March of 1983, the NTIF has become one of the largest festivals in the United States, hosting multiple stages, workshops, craft demonstrations, wandering musicians, a children’s fair, games, traditional Irish foods and beverages, cultural displays, vendor areas and much more.

The Festival welcomes professional arts and crafts vendors and merchandise businesses that offer quality products. Although we would prefer booths with a Celtic or handcrafted theme, it is not required; the Festival reserves the right to reject any products we feel are not appropriate. The sale of weapons, food and beverages, or products bearing the Festival name is prohibited without the prior written approval of the Festival Director. Politically themed or pornographic materials are expressly prohibited by the Festival.



Festival Dates:

Friday, March 3rd

Saturday, March 4th

Sunday, March 5th

PLEASE NOTE: The Festival will open to the public on Friday, March 3rd at 6 PM.

We have always required that our vendors move in on Friday and have encouraged them to be set up by 5 PM. To encourage additional vendor sales, as well as food and beverage sales, we now operate three of our stages on Friday night from 6 PM to 11PM. The stages open will be the Pub stage in the Automobile Building, the Shamrock stage in Centennial and the Shannon Stage outside in the Esplanade. IF YOU CANNOT BE FULLY SET UP BY 6 PM ON FRIDAY, PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY.



Booth Sizes and Descriptions:

Vendor areas will again be located in the Centennial and Automobile buildings, though they have been moved slightly in order to take advantage of Festival foot traffic. Though we will do our best to accommodate vendor needs, we cannot guarantee booth spaces occupied in the past. Booth prices have not been increased this year. We are acting on input from the majority of vendors as well as taking into consideration the state of the economy in general.

Festival booths are available in 10' x 10' (100 sq. ft.) spaces. Vendors requiring larger areas may rent multiple booth spaces. Vendor spaces are located inside the two Festival buildings and outdoors in the promenade between them. Please be sure to specify your space and location needs on the vendor application form. Tables, chairs, outdoor carnival tents and electrical drops may also be rented from the festival if needed, though we do not provide or rent lights, extension cords or plug strips.



Demonstration Area:

If you are a craftsman and would like to demonstrate your art or craft during the festival, we have reserved a limited number of 10' x 15' spaces that are the same cost as the 10' x 10' spaces. These spaces will be in the same area. You are asked to demonstrate your art throughout the weekend with some consistency.



Deposits and Fees:

A refundable deposit of \$50 is required for all vendors. **We ask that you submit two checks with your application:** one check for booth fees and miscellaneous charges and a separate check for your \$50 deposit. This deposit will be held until it is returned to you at the scheduled close of the Festival on Sunday, provided that vendors have not damaged their areas, vacated their booths before scheduled closing or ignored any Festival rules pertaining to booth spaces. Booth rental fees and cost of accessories rental are listed on the vendor application form. Included in vendor fees are the cost of **two vendor passes, one parking pass**, 24-hour security and facility cleanup each morning before Festival opening.

Reminder—Although we do not take a percentage of booth income, the various government entities do. Sales tax collection is **your** responsibility.



Confirmation:

If your application is in order and all fees are received by the application deadline, the Festival will send a postcard that will serve as a receipt. Booth assignments, regulations and other useful information will be posted on the festival website, www.ntif.org, as well as being sent to you. To discuss matters related to your booth, please contact me at wmrsinger@aol.com (attn. Vendor Coordinator) or through the Festival Director's office at 214-823-4370.



How to apply:

Complete the enclosed vendor application (the vendor application can also be printed from the www.ntif.org website), sign and mail with all fees (**2 CHECKS**) to the address provided on the application. The festival will not accept reservations for booth spaces without all fees paid. Please send check or money order made out to the North Texas Irish Festival —*no cash*.. **All NEW vendors must include a list of merchandise items or services to be sold or displayed with their application. All NEW vendors must also include a photograph of their set-up.**

We reserve the right not to admit vendors selling merchandise other than that listed or approved by the Festival. All booths will be inspected after setup and periodically during the weekend. Vendors selling or displaying material that the Festival finds objectionable will be asked to leave.



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