

# Lowell Folk Festival July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

## Descriptions of the 2017 Volunteer Opportunities

### **Back Stage Assistant**

Back Stage assistants will work with Stage Managers to ensure stage security. You may be required to work on a variety of tasks, including equipment needs, assisting performers, monitoring water and ice and helping to maintain a clean and safe back stage work area. This position may require extensive amounts of walking or standing on uneven surfaces and standing near loud musical equipment for extended periods of time. Stages are outdoors and the working conditions may be in extreme heat or rain. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

### **Bucket Brigade**

Team members work in small groups, responsible for interacting with visitors to collect donations throughout the Folk Festival. Sites vary and may be uneven or require standing for long periods of time near loud music. This is outdoor work with the potential for weather conditions of rain or extreme heat. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

### **Craft Area Assistant**

Craft area assistants help the Folk Crafters unload and set up and take down their displays. Assistants serve as a "go between" helping both visitors and craftsmen. You will learn about the crafts being presented and may provide breaks if needed. This position may include extended amounts of standing or walking on uneven surface. The location of this position is along Lucy Larcom Park. You will be outside with potential for weather conditions of extreme heat or rain. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

### **Sales**

Sales volunteers staff merchandise areas which help support Lowell Folk Festival. Training for selling LFF products is provided. More than one person is needed to staff these areas. This is a great opportunity to volunteer with a friend. Although a tent is provided, weather conditions may include extreme heat or rain. You may be expected to stand for extended periods. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

### **Art in the Courtyard**

Volunteers serve at Market Mills Courtyard, helping artist to setup and take down their displays on Saturday and Sunday. Assist with visitors as needed. You will learn about the art and provide breaks for artist if needed. This site is located outdoors with potential for weather conditions of extreme heat or rain. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

### **Information**

Volunteers work with the Convention and Visitors bureau to provide information about Lowell Folk Festival, Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell to guests. This position is outside under a tent, but you should be aware that weather conditions may include rain or extreme heat. Long periods of standing and loud music should also be expected. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

## **Transportation**

Transportation/ drivers will work to ensure a safe travel experience for the performers during the Lowell Folk Festival. This position may require driving a government automobile or government rented automobile. Several highway driving trips and airport runs to the city of Boston may be required. Drivers navigate the city during the festival to ensure that performers reach stages on time for their performance. This position requires a valid driver's License. Drivers are needed starting Wednesday July 26th for airport pickups, throughout the weekend and may also extend to Monday July 31st for airport drop off.

## **Performer Guide**

Performer Guide volunteers work directly with the artist or band to ensure a positive experience. The position may require extensive amounts of standing or walking on uneven surfaces in potential weather conditions of extreme heat or rain, as well as this the position may be near a site that has loud musical equipment. You will work directly with the performers during the festival. If possible we ask that the performer guide assist longer than the normal four hour shift. When possible, guides can be assigned to a group for the day or the weekend. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

## **Music Logging**

Music Loggers will record music during the festival. They work with NCTA sound Technicians using NCTA and Lowell Folk Festival equipment that will be returned at the end of the assignment. A one hour training session is required to operate the equipment. An equipment operator and a person to record the setup of music make up this team position. The position is outdoors with potential for weather conditions of extreme heat or rain and you will be near loud musical equipment. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

## **Recycle**

Recycling Volunteers will collect and sort the solid waste stream collected in the recycling containers located throughout the festival grounds. The collected waste will be sent to a composting site and the resulting compost is sent to the city of Lowell and the Lowell National Historical Park for landscaping. Organizers bag the remaining compost to give to festival attendees as souvenirs. Bottles and cans will also be collected for recycling. Lowell Folk Festival has a 95% waste diversion and is recognized as a national model for recycling at large scale special events. The position may require extensive amounts of standing or walking on uneven surfaces in potential weather conditions of extreme heat or rain. You will be outside. The responsibilities of this position are only for the duration of the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA and are within the Lowell National Historical Park.

## **Water and Ice Volunteers**

Water and Ice Volunteers will deliver water and ice to stage performers and crews as well as ethnic food vendors. The position may require extended amounts of walking and/or standing on uneven surfaces. This position may also include being near loud musical equipment. The working conditions may be extreme heat or rain. This position will occur during the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell, MA within Lowell National Historical Park.

## **Set-Up / Take-down Volunteers**

Set-up and Take down volunteers will be carrying and arranging tables and chairs, putting up or taking down directional signs, moving tents on or off the streets, and any other duty as required. You need to be in reasonable physical shape. The position may require extended amounts of walking and/or standing on uneven surfaces. This position may also include being near loud musical equipment. The working conditions may be extreme heat or rain. This position will occur during the 2017 Lowell Folk Festival in the city of Lowell National Historical Park.