

Pre Festival

Merchant Aide (THURSDAY ONLY): This operations job helps mark out booth spaces, direct vendors to their location, and assists vendors with unloading their merchandise. Volunteers need to be effective communicators, and take direction well.

Office Helper: Office helpers are individuals who are called or emailed periodically when we have large projects in the office, pre Festival. If you are good with administrative tasks and would like to be part of our on-call list, please indicate that on your volunteer application. Please note: there are no scheduled shifts for office helpers, it is strictly on a need basis.

Production Set-up Helper (MONDAY 23RD – THURSDAY 26TH): This production job requires brains, brawn, and a team player attitude. Volunteers will assist the production crew by helping them set up fencing, lay down grid mat, hang signs, carry tables, chairs, and more! Volunteers will need to be able to stand for long periods of time, lift heavy objects, bend over, and is generally for the able bodied individual. This job often takes place outside rain or shine. You will need to wear close toed shoes and bring your own work gloves.

During the Festival May 27th-30th

Folkfloor Load and Unload: volunteers will meet up at the storage facility in Redmond, WA (address to be given out at the time of confirmation) and load or unload the Folkfloor. This job entails a lot bending, carrying and lifting lightweight pieces of the folkfloor.

Folkfloor Set-Up Helper and Maintainer: Folkfloor volunteers buff, tape, and polish the folkfloor. This position requires a high level of mobility as volunteers will be required to bend, stand, kneel, lift, scoot, sit, etc.

Folkstore Customer Service: This customer service job is rooted in our performers! Help organize, display, and promote performer CD's at the Folkstore. Volunteers should be able to alphabetize, organize, lift boxes of CD's, be friendly, and follow directions well. Volunteers will not be handling cash in this position.

Fundraising Catcher: This fundraising job lets you be a part of the action! Volunteers are ushered around the Festival grounds by a coordinator to interact with crowds and collect donations. Volunteers should be interactive, animated, enthusiastic about Folklife and able to walk the Festival grounds repeatedly in a group.

Greeter: Greeters are the heart of our Festival. Greeters staff our entrances and make sure every patron is acknowledged while entering or exiting the Festival. Greeters hand out program guides to patrons and encourage them to make donations as they enter or exit the Festival. This position is for individuals who are friendly and embody the spirit of Folklife. A typical Greeter shift is 2.5 hours and requires the ability to stand for a majority of the shift. A Greeter shift is rain or shine and always takes place outdoors, please dress accordingly.

Hospitality Helper: Do you have an eye for aesthetics and a cheery disposition? Hospitality helpers maintain consistent delivery of snack and refreshments in the hospitality area, for a variety of products. Volunteers will also maintain the aesthetic appeal of the hospitality area by continuously cleaning the hospitality area of debris, pushing in chairs and wiping down tables.

Hospitality Set-up Helper: Do you have experience with party planning, or have an eye for the presentation of a room? Hospitality set-up volunteers help the Hospitality Managers ensure the hospitality area is set up, safe, secure, clean, friendly, and pretty. Volunteers must take direction well and work well with others. *early shifts

Hospitality Floater: The hospitality floater is the true team player. This individual will help with any and all tasks related to the hospitality area from roving, to set up, to clean up and anything else needed to maintain this treasured performer and volunteers space.

Hospitality Helper (Roving): Are you a people person in good physical condition? Roving hospitality helpers distribute refreshments to stages, info booths, and vendors throughout the Festival. You will be required to continuously walk the Festival grounds carrying coffee and tea either by hand or in a cart; good physical condition is a must as is the ability to navigate crowds.

Hospitality Cleanup Helper: This evening shift helps our hospitality team clean up the space and gets it ready for the next day. Shifts usually start around 9pm.

Information Booth Attendant: Are you a customer service oriented individual? Information Booths Aides hold the power of knowledge. You will assist patrons with all questions Folklife or Festival related. A directory will help you navigate Festival information and point people in the right direction. Friend of Folklife memberships are also sold at information booths and Aide's will be responsible for handing membership fees to supervisors. Folklife Volunteers are a team and you will occasionally asked to switch positions with a Greeter to give them a short break. These shifts are rain or shine and always take place outdoors, please dress accordingly.

Lost Child Attendant: Do you have a calming disposition? Often, children, parents, and other family members are separated and we need a calming volunteer to entertain children while they wait, or keep family members calm while they wait to be relocated with their loved ones. Volunteers in this position must undergo a background check and be legally eligible to work with children.

Merchant Load-out Aide (MONDAY ONLY): Have you always been a team player? Our merchant vendors can use a few good people to help them load out their merchandise, and safeguard their booths while they run back and forth to complete load out. *Evening shifts

Merchant Security Aide: Are you the type of person who notices things? Merchant security aides monitor the merchant areas while vendors are loading in or out. This job requires a vigilant eye and good communication with staff and vendors. Shifts are outdoors and volunteers should dress accordingly.

Party Helper (SATURDAY ONLY): Do you have experience with party planning, or have an eye for the presentation of a room? Party helpers ensure the Saturday night Participant party area is set up, safe, secure, clean, friendly, and pretty. Volunteers must take direction well and work well with others. A few of these shifts are later in the evening.

Performer Registration Aide: Are you a customer service oriented individual? Volunteers in performer registration will check in performers, distribute Festival buttons, and direct them to instrument storage, stages, and hospitality. Volunteers will need to work well under pressure and take instruction well. Customer service skills are essential to this position.

Production Aide: This production job requires brains, brawn, and a team player attitude. Volunteers will assist the production crew by helping them set up fencing, lay down grid mat, hang signs, carry tables, chairs, and more! Volunteers will need to be able to stand for long periods of time, lift heavy objects, bend over, and is generally for the able bodied individual. This job often takes place outside rain or shine. You will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for labor based work.

Roving Button Distributor: Can you hustle and make yourself seen? Roving Button Distributors roam Festival grounds and encourage patrons to make donations, after which you will give them a button. Volunteers must be able to handle money responsibly, walk and stand for long periods of time, navigate crowds well, and make themselves seen. This position takes place outside rain or shine, please dress accordingly.

Vera Gallery Assistant: This position will assist the installation of the show on Thursday, May 26 and load out on Tuesday, May 31. Duties may include hanging art, helping artists load in and out their art pieces, patching holes and repainting the gallery walls. Times to be announced.

Volunteer Registration Aide: Are you a customer service oriented individual? Volunteers in Volunteer Registration will check in volunteers, distribute Festival buttons, and direct them to the location of their shift. This can be a fast paced, and occasionally stressful work. Volunteers will need to work well under pressure, take instruction well, and be patient. Customer service skills are essential to this position.

Volunteer Registration Aide (Data Entry): Volunteers should possess a keen eye for detail and be able to type proficiently, ten key abilities preferred. Volunteers must be able to keep processed information confidential.

Volunteer Registration Aide (Floater): This volunteer should be a team player, mobile, and familiar (or easily familiarized) with Festival grounds. You will be asked to escort volunteers from volunteer registration to other areas of the Festival. Occasionally, you will be asked to step in for hospitality, greeting, and other Festival job.

Workshop Assistant: This position will manage the performance time of the performers to maintain program scheduling and will monitor crowds. The volunteer will also be available to assist any performer needs that may arise during performance.

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Data Entry (TUESDAY ONLY): Volunteers should possess a keen eye for detail and be able to type proficiently, ten key abilities preferred. Volunteers must be able to keep processed information confidential.

Production Strike Helper (TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY ONLY): This production job requires brains, brawn, and a team player attitude. Volunteers will assist the production crew by helping them set up fencing, lay down grid mat, hang signs, carry tables, chairs, and more! Volunteers will need to be able to stand for long periods of time, lift heavy objects, bend over, and is generally for the able bodied individual. This job often takes place outside rain or shine. You will need to wear close toed shoes and bring your own work gloves.