
Official Showcase Application

Folk Alliance International Conference

Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, MO
February 21 - 25, 2024

Thanks for taking the time to apply for an Official Showcase spot at Folk Alliance International Conference.

Text will be lost if you exit this page. We recommend typing everything into a Word document and then cutting/pasting those answers into this online application.

Once you complete the application, you will be sent a confirmation email with a link that allows you to make edits to your application.

Application must be submitted by 5PM CT on July 17, 2023.

*** Do not fill out any fields with ALL CAPITALS. ***

SECTION 1

Name of Artist/Band *

The name will appear in all publications exactly as entered here. This is the only field that cannot be edited. Contact the FAI office to make a change.

Primary Contact Information

This is the main contact for all FAI communication regarding the Official Showcase and must remain consistent through February 25, 2024. This is the only contact used to notify the artist if they are selected for an Official Showcase. Prompt response via email is required. A delayed response may result in the loss of showcase opportunity or positioning.

First Name *

Last Name *

Company/Organization

Email *

Mobile

Artist Team Information

Name of Manager *

If the artist does not have one, write "self-represented."

Manager Company

Manager Email

Name of Tour Manager

Tour Manager Email

Name of Publicist *

If the artist does not have one, write "self-represented."

Publicist Email

Name of Agent *

If the artist does not have one, write "self-represented."

Agent Company

Agent Email

Record Label or Distributor

If not represented by a label, please indicate the distribution platform that you use (CD Baby, Tunecore, Bandcamp, etc.)

Artist Direct Contact

Email Address for Artist/Band *

Phone Number for Artist/Band *

SECTION 2

Required Review Materials

Please link one (1) video of a live performance in the proposed showcase format (solo, duo, band) along with two (2) links to audio only samples. Please note that the live video is the primary format that our jurors will use to create a score of artistic quality. The video should be current enough that it reflects how you plan to appear while showcasing (both band size and creative content) at the Folk Alliance International conference. The audio and video production quality should be at a level that reflects your professionalism.

- The video submission does not need to be unique for this application.
- It can be as short as 1 song.
- A past live streamed performance, tiny desk concert submission, showcase video, or other high-quality live video performance will be perfect.

These files can be on the artist website, YouTube, Soundcloud or any other live streaming page.

Only direct links to songs or videos will be used by the jury. Please COPY & PASTE the URL into the fields below.

The jury WILL NOT review downloads or use Dropbox or Google Drive files.

Please note that jurors may not listen to all music submissions.

Video Link of Live Performance *

Audio Sample Link #1 *

Audio Sample Link #2 *

Artist Biography *

250 max word count

Jury Category *

Please indicate the area that most accurately identifies where the artist is professionally based. This determines which of the three juries will evaluate the application for market-specific context. If the artist or representative of the artist is submitting from another country, please indicate the area the artist formally represents. For example, if the artist is an Australian artist currently living in the US but funded by and representing Australia, please select the International jury.

- Not Selected -

Touring Territory *

Please outline the artist's last tour and/or outline a tour the artist has booked in the near future. Please summarize in chronological order (Dates; Number of shows and list any highlighted performances).

Example:

August 2022 - January 2023

50-date tour of Eastern US

Highlighted performances at Club Passim, Caffe Lena, Joe's Pub

Summer and Fall of 2023

40-date tour of Canada

Highlighted performances at Vancouver Folk Music Festival, CityFolk Festival, and Winnipeg Folk Fest.

Title and Date of Latest Release *

Enter the title and date (mm/yy) of the artist's latest record released.



If the artist has an upcoming album/single release, what is the release date?



Link to Media Coverage page *

Please provide a link to the most recent highest profile media reviews of the Artist or a Media coverage page on the Artist's site.



Awards and Recognition

Please list the artist's most significant nominations or awards won. Be brief, chronological, and specific.

Example:

2023 - Nominated for a Grammy in Best Folk Album Category

2022 - Finalist in the Kerrville New Folk Competition

Marketing Plan *

Briefly summarize the artist's marketing plan for the upcoming year. What are the goals and the strategies to accomplish those goals?

Additional Information

Briefly, provide any additional information to be considered by the jury.

SECTION 3

Artist Conference Profile Information

If selected, this information will be published in the Official Conference App and on the conference website.

Artist Headshot Photo *

(Minimum 720p at 72dpi. Color image is highly preferred.)

 No file chosen

Alternate Artist Headshot Photo *

(Different from the first image. Minimum 720p at 72dpi. Color image is highly preferred.)

 No file chosen

Artist Homebase City *

Artist Homebase Province/State/Region *

Artist Homebase Country *

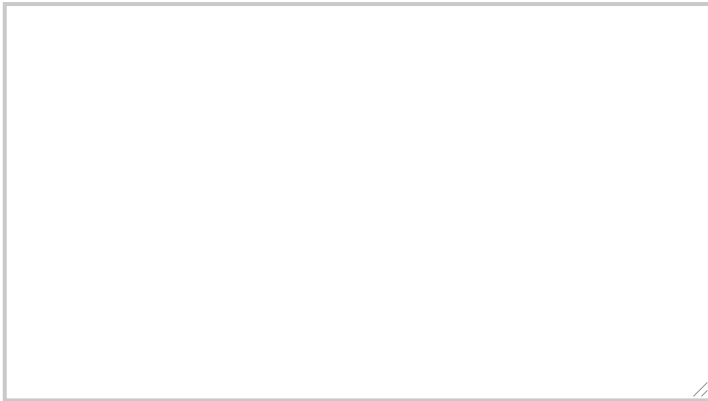
Country of Origin

This may or may not be the same as "Artist Homebase Country" ("Artist Homebase Country" will be displayed publicly, "Country of Origin" will not)

Artist Short Biography *

50 max word count

Short bio to be used in the official conference app.



Artist Website URL *

Copy the URL of your website and paste it into the field.

Artist Social Profiles

Facebook Username

The Facebook Username will appear under the social section of the performer screen. It will link directly to the performer's Facebook page. The link is already formatted with "https://www.facebook.com/" so all you need to add is the page name.

Instagram username

Twitter username

Snapchat username

Soundcloud username

TikTok username

Youtube Channel URL

Copy the URL of the YouTube Channel and paste it into the field. This will provide a link directly from the app to the Youtube page.

Spotify URL

To find the URL of your Spotify playlist or artist, click the three dots on the playlist or artist, click 'Share', then click 'Copy Link.' Place this link in the Spotify URL section.

Genre & Performing Rights Organization

Folk Genre *

- Not Selected -

Write-In Folk Genre

(only if OTHER was chosen in the question above)

Primary Performing Rights Organization (PRO) *

- Not Selected -

Write-In PRO

(only if OTHER was chosen in the question above)

SECTION 4

Technical Information

Type of Act *

- Not Selected -

Number of performers who will be on stage for Official Showcase *

Names of Band Members + Role for FAI showcase *

Example:

Andy Smithfield - bass, vocals

Edgar Nuñez - charango, vocals

Katia Dubois - hurdy gurdy, vocals

Legal Names of Band Members *

This section is required for NON-US applicants. US Applicants please enter "N/A".

Legal names are listed on passports for all persons traveling to be used on the border crossing letters.

Example:

Edgar Lucas Nuñez

Katia Manon Dubois

Does this showcase require a drum kit? *

Drum kits are provided by Folk Alliance International. (Not all showcase stages have drum kits.)

Does this showcase require a keyboard? *

Keyboards are provided by Folk Alliance International. (Not all showcase stages have keyboards.)

Upload a stage plot (.pdf only) *

Please upload a stage plot showing the requirements for the proposed Official Showcase. (Conference showcase production may not be able to meet all requests. Production Coordinators will follow up with specifics before the conference.)

Choose File No file chosen

SECTION 5

Additional Information

The following information is not intended for juror review.*

Will this be the artist's first time attending this conference? *

- Not Selected -

Will this be the artist's first time performing an official showcase at this conference?

- Not Selected -

Please list any of the artist's current endorsements or sponsorships.

e.g. Taylor guitars endorsement

Shubb Capo official artist

TrueFire certified instructor

etc...

(if none, leave blank)

Funding

Is acceptance of an Official Showcase at the conference contingent on the Artist/Band receiving funding? *

- Not Selected -

If yes, provide the name of funder(s).

If yes, when will the results of the funding request be known?

Demographics

Folk Alliance International is committed to diversity, inclusion, and equitable representation in all programming. In order to measure progress toward FAI's strategic priorities, please answer the following questions.

*This information is for statistical analysis only. It will not be viewable by the jury and is not part of scoring applications.

Does the artist or anyone in the band identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color? *

We ask this question to ensure accuracy and accountable representation in the showcase program.

- Not Selected -

How do members of your group self-identify racially or ethnically?

Does anyone in the band identify as LGBTQ2IA+? *

- Not Selected -

Does anyone in the band identify as disabled? *

- Not Selected -

Do any featured performers in the band identify as a woman, transgender, or non-binary? *

- Not Selected -

Disclaimers

Please read and confirm you understand by answering "yes" next to each statement below.

I understand that if the artist/band is not registered for the conference by November 1, 2023 the artist's showcase slot can and will be opened to another Artist/Band. *

No Yes

I understand that, if selected, all attending members of the artist's act must register for the conference, including but not limited to, sound engineer, management, photographers, and significant others. *

No Yes

I understand that Official Showcase performances are 30 minutes long with a 15 minute changeover, there are no sound checks, and the lighting is set. All performances take place in the host hotel.

Because of these limits, FAI does not provide all items on an artist's rider. All backline and equipment provided will be sent to the artist in advance. *

No Yes

I understand Official Showcase performances are not open to the public and there are no guest passes available. Attendees of Official Showcases must be registered delegates of the conference. *

No Yes

I understand that, if selected, Official Showcase artists are not permitted to perform off-site within a 15 mile (24km) radius from the host hotel between the hours of 4 PM - 3 AM during the conference (Feb. 21 - 25, 2024). *

No Yes

I understand that, if selected, artists are required to post that they are an Official Showcase artist on their social media pages using the images provided by Folk Alliance International. This action is part of the artist's contract. *

No Yes

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