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## **The 39<sup>th</sup> Season of Scarborough Renaissance Festival® Begins on April 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX. (March 13, 2019) Scarborough Renaissance Festival® 2019 begins its 39<sup>th</sup> season on April 6, 2019 with a variety of exciting new shows, extraordinary new artisans and an enhanced sense of celebration and pageantry.

There are new shows featuring jugglers, acrobats, comedians, Irish music, escape artists, a Fairy Court, Renaissance combat competitions, a Scottish Knighting ceremony and even a dragon slayer! New Artisans include offerings of pottery, brass rubbings, pet treats & accessories, hearth & home products, leather works, Renaissance & Steampunk costumes and even a larger than life-sized Grand Labyrinth game! Additionally, the cast of Scarborough (Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts) has been hard at work on changes that will portray a more historic representation of life in our re-created 16<sup>th</sup> Century Village. It will be full of pageantry, celebration and a whole lot of fun!

*"We have some amazing new performers and incredibly talented artisans joining Scarborough for our 39<sup>th</sup> season and we can't wait for everyone to come out and see them" says Coy Sevier, General Manager. "Our performing company has also been rehearsing since early February and have really stepped up their game, so you don't want to miss it! We invite everyone to come Step Back in Time for the Time of their Lives at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® starting on April 6<sup>th</sup>!"*

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is interactive fun for everyone, 16<sup>th</sup> Century Style that will run every Saturday & Sunday (and Memorial Day Monday) for eight consecutive weekends April 6 through May 27, 2019. Visitors will enjoy full combat armored jousting, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon, Renaissance Combat competitions, Knighting ceremonies, a 150+ member performing company and 25+ stages of interactive and unique entertainment. You will also discover exquisite one-of-a-kind treasures at the 200+ shoppes and amazing artisan demonstrations along with Renaissance rides, games of skill and so much more.

The 2019 season begins with Time Traveler's Weekend April 6 & 7, 2019. The weekend will include Time Traveler's costume contests for both children and adults each day. It will also be our "Kids Free Weekend" when up to three children (ages 5-12) are admitted free with each paid adult. Children 4 and under are always free. Seniors 65+ get a special discount this weekend as well with half price tickets at the gate. The guest performer opening weekend is Randal Piper. Guest Artisans are St. Thomas Brass Rubbings, Silverleaf Costumes, Living Art & Lanterns, Fuglyware Pottery, and Gentry Jewelry.

Each successive weekend has a different theme that includes Artisan's Showcase (4/13 & 14), Celtic Weekend/ Easter Celebration (4/20 & 21), Royal Ale Festival & Spring Celebration (4/27 & 28), Deaf Day (4/27), Legends of the Seas (5/4 & 5), Celebrating Chivalry & Mother's Day Brunch (5/11 & 12), Live the Fantasy (5/18 & 19) and the Last Huzzah (5/25, 26 & 27). Each weekend also has a variety of special events.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® offers "Food Fit for a King" that is a step above the traditional "festival food". Visitors can feast on our famous giant roasted turkey legs (over 20 tons are consumed each season), Scottish Eggs, the largest food-on-a-stick selection in Texas, or try some of the daily special creations at our very own Pasta Palace and Scarborough Bakery. Our full-service restaurant & bar, the Rose & Crown Inn, offers a full-service dining experience with daily specials and signature items like Shepherd's Pie, Bangers & Mash, meat pies and Muffulettas.

Visitors 21 and over can partake in our custom blended Scarborough Mead, beer, wine and other adult beverages at one of the 12 pubs and taverns. For those with a more discerning palate there are also *daily* wine and beer tasting events. Tastings require a separate ticket that can be purchased in advance at [SRFestival.com](http://SRFestival.com) or at the Festival (on festival days). Seating is limited and the tasting events regularly sell out, so it is recommended that you purchase your tickets in advance.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival's 2019 Season offers many exciting new additions along with long time favorites:

### **New Entertainment**

- **Captain Sir Francis Drake** – A privateer and patriot home on leave who will raise glasses, melt lasses and leave knees weak in his wake!
- **Clash of Champions** - Fighters from all over the world battle to win the title of Champion
- **Dr. Judas Lynch & Ms. Magnolia Strange** – Catch the fantastical narratives and death-defying stunts of this crew of escape artists (*May 4 – 27 only*)
- **Drone** – Stomp your feet to tunes played on a different style of bagpipe
- **Harmless Danger Juggling Show** – A comedy juggling show with serious consequences
- **Kamikaze Fireflies** – A madcap show that combines acrobatic thrills, sandwich making feet, non-stop laughter & more (featuring a former member of the Flaming Idiots)
- **Kris Colt** – Black Rose – A modern bard with a lyrical style performing songs of both original and ancient origin (*April 20 – 28 only*)
- **Notes of Accord** - From high born to low, all meet on the festive field of Music
- **Pictus** – A unique take on primal drums and Highland bagpipes (*April 20 – 21 only*)
- **Pride of Ireland** – Bringing the mirth and magic of the Emerald Isle through songs, jokes and banter (*April 27 – May 27 only*)
- **Randal Piper** – Come witness a glimpse into the musical mind of chaos (*April 6 – 21 only*)
- **Scottish Knighting Ceremony** – Margaret, Queen of Scotland and the Isles knights young guests
- **Sir Guy & The Dragon** – The heroic hero, Sir Guy of Warwick, tells a heroic tale of heroism in which he heroically almost slays a dragon (*May 11 – 27 only*)
- **Syndicate Academy of Sword** – Learn how to wield a sword! This hands-on experience teaches Spanish style techniques and how to use weapons of the Renaissance
- **The Beggar Queen** – The queen of the people (or so she believes) wandering the lanes telling tales of the village and bringing smiles to all
- **The Gwendolyn Show** – Part Trunk show, part audience participation and all funny
- **The Scarborough Tournament** - Thrill to fighting, excitement and feats of Daring-Do by the finest fighters of the village

## New & Guest Artisans

- **Ash & Griffin Pottery** – *New & Guest Artisan* (May 18 & 19)
- **DaVinci Games** (Grand Labyrinth game) – *New Artisan*
- **Fuglyware** (pottery) – *New Artisan*
- **Gentry Jewelry** – *New & Guest Artisan* (April 6 –28)
- **Gnome & Fairy Pottery** – *New & Guest Artisan* (May 4 – 27)
- **Guardians of the Castle Bakery** – *New Artisan*
- **Living Art & Lanterns** – *New Artisan*
- **Masquerade Life Casting** – *Guest Artisan* (May 4-12)
- **Ravendale Fine Pewter** – *New Artisan*
- **Runaway Rabbit Press** – *New Artisan*
- **Saorsa Studios** (jewelry) – *New & Guest Artisan* (May 18-27)
- **Sculpted Jewelry by Connie Colten** – *Guest Artisan* (May 4-12)
- **Silverleaf Costumes** – *New & Guest Artisan* (April 6 –28)
- **St. Thomas Brass Rubbings** – *New & Guest Artisan* (April 6- 28)
- **Storm Leather Werks** – *New Artisan*
- **SWS Cutlery** – *New Artisan*
- **Two Witches Cauldron** (items for hearth & home) – *New Artisan*
- **Your Name on Rice by Starglass** – *New Artisan*

## New Food Offerings

- **BBQ Pork & Mashed Potato Sundae** – Layers of barbecue pork and mashed potatoes topped with gravy and a cherry tomato
- **Bomb Pop Ice Cups**
- **Mashed Potatoes** – with butter, garlic and cheddar cheese
- **Variety of new craft beer offerings throughout the Festival**

## 2019 Daily Wine & Beer Tasting Themes

	<u>Wine Tastings</u>	<u>Beer Tastings</u>
• <b>April 6 &amp; 7:</b>	Wines of Italy	Beers of Texas
• <b>April 13 &amp; 14:</b>	Wines from Down Under	Beers of Belgium
• <b>April 20 &amp; 21:</b>	Wines of France	Beers of the British Isles
• <b>April 27 &amp; 28:</b>	Decoding Wine Labels	Flagship Beer
• <b>May 4 &amp; 5:</b>	Wines of the New World	American Craft Traditional
• <b>May 11 &amp; 12:</b>	Wines of Spain	American Craft Creative
• <b>May 18 &amp; 19:</b>	Wines of Germany	Beers of Germany
• <b>May 25, 26 &amp; 27:</b>	Flynn's Favorites	Seamus Suggests

## **A Few Other Things to Note**

- A number of our fan favorites will be performing on new stages/locations at this year's Festival including Cirqa Brava, Hands on Dulcimer, Iron Hill Vagabonds, Rambling Sailors, Songs of the Nightingale, Star Dancers Belly Dancing, Stewart & Arnold Knife Throwing and Wolgemut.
  - Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is family friendly with many performances and activities for kids such as two different Children's Knighting Ceremonies, School of Court Dance, the Petting Zoo, the Mermaid Lagoon, the Fae Court, Nature of Mercy, Sir Guy & the Dragon, Tales from the Village, Renaissance Rides, games of skill and much more!
  - There are some performances that are geared toward a more mature audience (16+). They include: Arthur Greenleaf Holmes the Wildly Inappropriate Poet, Christophe the Insultor, Iris & Rose – Wild and Thorny, Queen Anne's Lace Tart Show and the King's Pub - Pub Sing.
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Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is open Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day Monday, April 6 – May 27, 2019 from 10 AM to 7 PM rain or shine. Located in Waxahachie, Texas, Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is just 30 minutes south of the downtowns of Dallas and Fort Worth on FM 66 off of I-35E at exit 399B. From Austin or Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399.

Admission is \$28 for adults and \$13 for children, ages 5-12. Children age 4 and under are admitted free. Parking is free compliments of Waxahachie Nissan. Tickets are available on-line and discount tickets can be purchased at North Texas Tom Thumb & Albertsons stores starting March 29<sup>th</sup> and discount coupons can be found throughout the season at Waxahachie Nissan. Sponsored by Dr Pepper.

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