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### **Scarborough Renaissance Festival® 2022 Begins this Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>!**

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX. (April 4, 2022): Scarborough Renaissance Festival's 41<sup>st</sup> season begins this Saturday, April 9, 2022, with a new themed weekend, new shows, new food & drink, and over a dozen new artisans to compliment long-time Festival favorites.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is a full day of interactive fun for everyone, 16<sup>th</sup> Century Style that will run Saturdays & Sundays and Memorial Day Monday, April 9 through May 30, 2022. Visitors will enjoy full combat armored jousting, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon, Knighting ceremonies, a 75+ member performing company, and 20+ stages of interactive and unique entertainment. They can discover exquisite one-of-a-kind treasures at the hundreds of Scarborough shoppes and be amazed by authentic artisan demonstrations. There are also Renaissance rides, games of skill, and so much more.

The 2022 season kicks off with the Travel Back in Time & Kids Free Weekend on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Kids are free all weekend with up to three children (ages 5-12) admitted free with each paid adult. Children 4 and under are always free. Seniors 65+ also get a special discount this weekend as well with half priced tickets at the gate. Everyone can participate in the all-new Scarborough Quest discovering characters and challenges along the way as they become a part of the "Scarborough Village"! Details for participation in the Quest can be found at the Village Armoury between 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The guest performers opening weekend are The Accidental Acrobats, Zilch the Tory Steller, and Emrys Fleet – the Big Rat Show. Guest Artisans are Bird Marie's Pottery, Bad Badger Horns, and Spirit Song Ocarinas.

The themes for the daily Beer and Wine Tasting events for April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> will be wines of Spain and beers of Texas. Visitors can purchase their tasting event advanced discount tickets at [SRFestival.com](http://SRFestival.com)

*"All of us at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® are tremendously excited to begin our 5<sup>th</sup> decade of providing one of the most unique entertainment experiences in North Texas!",* says Helaine Thompson, Director of Marketing & Communications. *"In addition to the exceptional entertainment, one-of-a-kind crafts, artisan demonstrations and other attractions; we have made significant improvements to the Festival site that we can't wait for everyone to see. So come join us at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Scarborough Renaissance Festival®!"*

Incredible new shows for the Festival's 41<sup>st</sup> season will feature a sword swallower, comedians, a Renaissance style gameshow, a verbal joust, a hammered dulcimer musician, and the Big Rat Show! Scarborough's performing company (Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts) is back to pre-pandemic levels with over 75 members and has been hard at work creating merry new characters and refining long-time favorites, (including the 2022 reigning monarch, Margaret Queen of Scotland and the Isles), who will bring the re-created 16<sup>th</sup> Century Village of Scarborough to life!

Scarborough's new 2022 artisans/shoppes showcase artistry such as cast concrete art, sculpted horns, Macrame jewelry, hand crafted chocolates, Henna body art, sculpted wearable puppets, bone sculptures & jewelry, leather accessories, handmade ocarinas, tapestry handbags, pottery, stick horses, woodworking, hand-dyed silk clothing, and clay sculptures.

New food offerings are the Wonton Lotus Bowl, Fried Jalapeño Slices, Philly Cheese Steak, Polish Sausage Sandwiches, Ribbon Fries, Quesadillas, Fruit Hand Pies, Royal Brownie Sundae, Loaded Totchos, and Chili Cheese Tater Tots. The Original Lemon Chill will also be returning. New beers and wines will be available, and a new mead is being introduced. Texas Mead Works Mead is a semi-sweet mead with a balanced floral bouquet and light sweet honey finish that visitors are sure to enjoy. Plus, for the first time ever, most of the food, drink, and pub locations will be accepting credit/debit cards!

Games and rides are still *cash only* so we strongly encourage visitors to bring cash for their visit. There are 8 ATM locations throughout the Festival to serve guests.

Each weekend has a different theme that include Artisan's Showcase (4/16 & 17), The All-New Viking & Ale Weekend (4/23 & 24), Live the Fantasy & Spring Celebration (4/30 – 5/1), Celebrating Chivalry Weekend (5/7 & 8), Legends of the Seas (5/14 & 15), Celtic Weekend (5/21 & 22), and the Last Huzzah (5/28, 29 & 30). Each weekend also has a variety of special events and activities including costume contests, special entertainment, the return of the Royal Ale Festival (21+) on April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, and the All-New Chocolate Sensations Tasting Event (21+) on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival<sup>®</sup> offers "Food Fit for a King" that is a step above the traditional "fair food". Visitors can feast on the famous giant smoked 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 the Pasta Palace and Scarborough Bakery. The full-service restaurant & bar, the Rose & Crown Inn, will be offering signature items like Shepherd's Pie, meat pies, Bangers & Mash, and Muffulettas along with daily specials as well.

Visitors 21 and over can partake in Texas Mead Works Mead, a wide selection of craft, domestic and imported beer; wine, and other adult beverages at one of the 12 pubs and taverns. For those with more discerning palates there are *daily* wine and beer tasting events with each weekend having a different theme. Tastings require a separate ticket that can be purchased in advance for a discount at [www.SRFestival.com](http://www.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. Participants must be 21+ to attend.

### **2022 Daily Wine & Beer Tasting Themes**

	<b><u>Wine Tastings</u></b>	<b><u>Beer Tastings</u></b>
<b>April 9 &amp; 10</b>	Wines of Spain	Beers of Texas
<b>April 16 &amp; 17</b>	Wines of Italy	Beers of Belgium
<b>April 23 &amp; 24</b>	Wines of the New World	Blind Date
<b>April 30 &amp; May 1</b>	Wines of Germany	Beers of Germany
<b>May 7 &amp; 8</b>	From Grape to Glass	Barley, Hops, & Yeast Oh My!
<b>May 14 &amp; 15</b>	Wines Down Under	Beers of the New World
<b>May 21 &amp; 22</b>	Wines of France	Beers of the Celtic Isles
<b>May 28, 29 &amp; 30</b>	Flynn's Favorites	Seamus Suggests

## Things to Note

- **New for the 2022 season: Most food, drink, and pub locations will now be accepting credit cards**
- Entertainer tips, games and rides are still cash only so visitors are strongly encouraged to bring cash for their visit. There are 8 ATM locations to serve guests including two new locations.
- Costumes are welcome at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® but are absolutely not required.
- Daily special events include full combat jousting (three times a day), Birds of Prey Exhibitions, Children's Knighting Ceremonies, and the Grande Parade.
- Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is family friendly with many activities for kids such as the Children's Knighting Ceremonies, the Mermaid Lagoon, the EwePets Petting Zoo, Keet's Landing (bird aviary), the Unicorn Experience, Renaissance Rides, games of skill and much more! Kids' favorite shows include Accidental Acrobats, Cirque du Sewer, The Don Juan & Miguel Show, Emrys Fleet's Big Rat Show, The Nature of Mercy, Shakespeare Approves, Harmless Danger Juggling Show, Syndicate School of Sword & Skill, and many others.
- There are some shows that are geared toward a more mature audience (16+). They include Arthur Greenleaf Holmes the Wildly Inappropriate Poet, Bettina Bawdeville, Menage a Moi, and the King's Pub – Pub Sing.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival's 2022 Season offers many exciting new additions to the Festival along with long time favorites for everyone to enjoy!

## New Entertainment

- **Bettina Bawdeville (PG-16)** – Risqué original pub songs, mixing the bawdy with hints of vaudeville. Not for the delicate sensibilities. *(May 7 – May 30 Only)*
- **Cy the Sword Swallower** – A man of skill, of danger, and some would say... a complete lunatic! Witness him swallow a whole armory of swords of different shapes and sizes!
- **Emrys Fleet, the Big Rat Show** – A hilarious comedy show featuring Pesky the Wonderous one-eyed rate and Wilbur the Dancing weasel! *(April 9 – May 1 Only)*
- **Menage a Moi (PG-16)** – Top-shelf comedy stylings that are humorously indecent and always discreet.
- **Name that Sonnet** – A Renaissance style gameshow that that most certainly leads to a lot of fun, laughter, and perhaps a little education.
- **Robin Hood Charity Show** – Join this “secret meeting” to create ideas for causing mischief in the Village
- **The Verbal Joust** – A humorous improvisational language lesson on the value of creative insults!
- **Vince Conaway – Hammered Dulcimer** – Bringing history to life by weaving storytelling with an enchanting array of Celtic, Renaissance, and Baroque music! *(May 7 – May 22 Only)*

## New Artisans

- **Aisling Designs** – Cast Concrete Art
- **Bird Marie's Pottery** – Functional Pottery (*April 9 – May 1*)
- **Cultivate Outdoors** – Bonsai, Succulents, 2-D Art
- **Dancing Glass Studio** – Macrame Beaded Jewelry (*April 23 – May 1 only*)
- **Delicious Doom Chocolates** – Hand Crafted Chocolates (*May 7 – 8 only*)
- **Henna Envy** – Henna Body Art
- **Hornucopia** – Sculpted Horns
- **Hullabaloo Henna** – Henna Body Art
- **Imaginarium Galleries** – Sculpted Wearable Puppets
- **Madame Macabres House of Curiosities** – Bone Sculptures, Jewelry
- **Meraki Moon** – Macrame Beaded Jewelry with large Semi-Precious Stones (*May 14 – 15 only*)
- **Native Texas Craftsman** – Stick Horses & Woodworking
- **Silk Road** – Handy Dyed Silk Clothing
- **Spirit Song Ocarinas** – Handmade Ocarinas (*April 9 – 17 only*)
- **Untamed Tapestries** – Tapestry Handbags
- **White Wizards** – Clay Sculptures (*May 21 – 30 only*)

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Scarborough Renaissance Festival® wants everyone to stay safe and healthy! They will be following applicable local and CDC guidelines for the 2022 Festival season. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. Get all the details for these guidelines & restrictions and possible COVID-19 risks at [www.SRFestival.com](http://www.SRFestival.com)

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® 2022 is open Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day Monday, April 9 – May 30, 2022, 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 and an hour north of Waco.

Admission is \$37 for adults and \$17 for children, ages 5-12. Children ages 4 and under are always admitted free. Discount tickets are available at [www.SRFestival.com](http://www.SRFestival.com) or at North Texas Tom Thumb & Albertsons stores. There are also discounts at the gate for Seniors 65+ and active Military. Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is sponsored by Dr Pepper.

For more information visit [www.SRFestival.com](http://www.SRFestival.com). Facebook & Twitter (SRFestival) or on Instagram (theSRFestival). Interviews, photographs, and video available upon request.

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