

# Entertainment

## Scarborough Renaissance Festival

### Scarborough Opens Its New Stage With Special Appearances

On April 9, Scarborough Renaissance Festival® will swing wide its gates and bring merriment, music and magic to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for its 31st season. This year's Festival is highlighted by special visiting acts on the New Crown Stage which is modeled on Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. The New Crown is completely covered and has a very high ceiling to allow more performance room for jugglers, acrobats and aerialists. The New Crown will continue to feature the sword fighting and comedy of Don Juan and Miguel but will host a series of rotating acts as well that are coordinated with our weekly Special Events.

April 9-10 is Opening Weekend, also known as Children's Weekend, with up to three children admitted free with a paid adult admission. Seniors (65 & over) will be admitted for only \$12. It's a great chance for grandparents to bring their grandkids for free. Arsene and his Magikhana Show will share the Crown Stage for the first three weekends.

April 16-17 brings the Royal Ale Festival. A variety of beer and ales will be available for tasting, along with a variety of entertainment each day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Crown Pavilion. Saturday, April 16, is also Deaf Awareness Day with special signed performances throughout the village.

Easter Weekend is April 23-24 with a special 16th Century church service on the new Crown Stage at 12:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday. There will be a Children's Easter Treasure Hunt on both days and up to three children will be admitted free with a paid adult admission on Easter Sunday. Our annual Highland Games arrive on April 30-May 1, featuring both men's and women's divisions along with the Texas State Caber Championship. The Danger Committee, as seen on America's Got Talent, will take over the Crown Stage with comedy, juggling and knife throwing (definite comedy - possible tragedy).

May 7-8 is Renaissance Romance in honor of Mother's Day. As part of the weekend, couples can renew their vows at noon in our Wedding Garden on either Saturday or Sunday. There is no fee and reservations are not required. The Crown Stage will also celebrate all things feminine with the Aerial Angels, acrobatic high flying ladies who will soar high above on the trapeze and aerial silks. Their show also includes acrobatics and fire eating.

David Arkenstone, three time Grammy-nominated composer/performer, and his group headline the Celtic Music Festival on the sixth weekend, May 14 and 15. Arkenstone is an award-winning Celtic, New Age, World music composer who composes in a variety of styles for a variety of uses: his own highly popular CDs, Blizzard Entertainment's World of Warcraft online game, film scores and even the Olympics. He has had two No. 1 albums, Citizen of Time (1990) and In the Wake of the Wind (1991). His much celebrated Celtic Book of Days (1998) remains one of his most popular recordings and provides the background for this year's radio commercials. Most recently he has released Visions of Christmas and the soundtrack for Echoes of Creation on PBS. David and his group will play four shows a day on the Crown Stage.

Hoist anchor and swash your buckles on May 21-22 because it is Pirate Weekend and a yo-ho-ho kind of thing. The Bilge Pumps will grab the wheel and steer the stage towards songs of

the seas, shanties, Celtic music and a boatload of comedy.

Final Knights brings a close to the Scarborough season on May 28, 29 and Memorial Day Monday, May 30, and brings the return of fan-favorite Doktor Kaboom, who finishes off the season with a bang with his interactive science and comedy show. It is the last chance to enjoy the shows, shop for bargains and eat a turkey leg until next year. There will be a special 1 p.m. Veterans parade on Memorial day. All Veterans are welcome to don the yellow sash and march in the parade. Visit the Village Armoury to learn more.

When guests pass through the gates of the Village of Scarborough, they enter the world of King Henry VIII; a time of knights and chivalry. Scarborough is a 35-acre recreated 16th century English Village with 21 stages of entertainment, over 200 shops offering handmade and one-of-a-kind merchandise and pubs and taverns with unlimited food choices. Meet kings and queens, knights, peasants, soldiers and pirates on the streets of the Village. Everyone is welcomed into this world of fun and entertainment where you escape from your everyday cares and step back in time for the time of your life. All of the workers are costumed but no costume is required for guests.

"We are proud to be the most unique entertainment event in North Texas," said Coy Sevier, general manager. "We have literally created a 35-acre village within our gates and we will continue to focus on being one of the best entertainment values available in the Metroplex."

Entertainment is highlighted by The Joust (with performances three times a day), The King's Royal Falconer flying his birds of prey, sword fighters, comedians, musicians, acrobats and a variety of other themed entertainment. Demonstrations of glassblowing, blacksmithing, sword making, flint knapping and other Renaissance crafts are performed throughout the day.

The Scarborough wine tasting is back again this year at the Cat and Fiddle Tavern, featuring different wines each weekend. The tasting will take place at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily. The Cat and Fiddle, Scarborough's first indoor tavern, also serves a variety of domestic, imported and craft beers, along with stout and premium wines. (Free private club membership is included).

Scarborough is open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day Monday, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Located near Waxahachie, Scarborough is just 30 minutes south of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex off of I-35E at exit 399A. From Austin or Waco, follow I-35E north to Exit 399.

Admission is \$22 for adults and \$8 for children, ages 5-12 (tax included) when purchased online at SRFestival.com. Admission at the gate is \$24 for adults and \$9 for children. Children ages 4 and under are admitted free. Admission includes free parking (courtesy of Allen Samuels Autoplex-Ennis), continuous entertainment and craft demonstrations. Tickets are available online at SRFestival.com where you can print your own tickets, or at the castle gates on Festival days. Discount tickets are available at Tom Thumb grocery stores or Austin area Randalls grocery stores. For more information please call 972-938-3247 or visit SRFestival.com.

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