

Messiah College - SGA Student Organizations

Rider & Contract for Guest Speakers or Performers

As a guest on the Messiah College campus, it is our hope to make guest appearances as beneficial as possible for both guest and campus community alike. As such, guests and/or their management are asked to read and sign the following document as part of a contractual agreement with Messiah College.

Messiah College Identity and Mission Statement:

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The College is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

Guidelines & Expectations

While Messiah College does not expect - or even desire - to invite only performers who adhere to the Christian faith or its traditions, we do ask that you, as our guest, be respectful and understanding of the context of our community. Therefore, we ask that you agree to maintain respectful and courteous commentary about Messiah College, and that if you take issue with its values, traditions, or policies, that you take these up with college officials before signing this contract - as opposed to airing disagreements, grievances, etc. on campus or via other media outlets. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with the college via our website at www.messiah.edu prior to coming to campus. Because we have invited you and agreed to compensate you to perform here, we hope you will recognize this as a reasonable request made in the spirit of civility and hospitality. What follows is a simple and common sense list of expectations that we ask you to observe while on campus. We, the Presenter, reserve the right to cancel or refuse payment on any agreement should the Artist violate or disregard any of our expectations listed herein.

1. In the event that any conflict, inconsistency or incongruity between the provisions of the guest's contract and/or rider and the provisions of the Messiah College rider, the provisions of the Messiah College rider shall in all respects govern and control. Messiah College, as Presenter, has final control over all matters pertaining to any performance/event held under its sponsorship.
2. Except for an incidental profane word which may occur in a lyric, artists and speakers are asked not to use obscene or profane language, gestures, or images while on stage. Guests will absolutely refrain from language that is derogatory or discriminatory on the basis of race, religion, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, economic status, ethnicity, or national origin.
3. Messiah is a "dry" campus, and does not provide alcohol, nor allow alcohol to be consumed on the premises.
4. Guest or guest's management should communicate with Messiah College on a regular basis before arrival, ensuring event and hospitality arrangements are as up to date as possible.
5. All outside organizations (i.e. charities, non-profits or causes) that are being promoted by guests must be approved by Messiah College. Guests should give at least ten (10) business days advance notice for approval.
6. In the event of guest sickness or physical ailment, or if an appearance is prevented, rendered impossible or infeasible, by the act of or regulation of any public authority or bureau, civil tumult, strike, epidemic, interruption or in delay of transportation services, war conditions or emergencies, acts of God, or any cause beyond the control of the guest or Messiah College, both parties are released from further obligation under this contract. In the event of such a non-appearance for any of the reasons stated in this paragraph, the monies (if any) advanced to the guest hereunder shall be returned to Messiah College in full within ten (10) days from the date that non-appearance becomes apparent.

Cultural Engagement & Artistic Diversity

Messiah College is committed to the concept of liberal learning. We welcome exposure to a variety of intellectual perspectives and artistic expressions, and believe that all perspectives and expressions should be critically engaged

by our students. At our institution in particular, this means that we approach such critical engagement from a perspective of Christian faith. We are inviting you to our campus because we believe you can help foster intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and/or artistic growth in our students. In outlining these expectations, our goal is to provide the optimal setting where your ideas, music, art, philosophy, and/or worldview may be shared and communicated most effectively to our audience. We are open to discussing all of the above with you to ensure that our experience together is positive. If for some reason you cannot abide by the guidelines laid out above, then we hope you communicate with us your particular concerns so we may make clarifications.

Signatures below indicate that these parties have read and understand all guidelines and expectations herein. If guest does not meet guidelines and expectations, Messiah College will consider this a cancellation of our existing and legally binding contractual agreement.

Guest Signature_____ Date_____

Organization/Club Advisor Signature_____ Date_____

Please return signed contract/rider to Messiah College

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