

Hello!

Welcome to the Blyth Festival Volunteer Family! We're so excited that you've expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer.

My name is Nathanya, I am the Blyth Festival Box Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator. I work very closely with my colleague Josie, who is the Front of House Manager and takes charge of our volunteers throughout the summer.

The next few pages contain important information about the upcoming summer and what to expect as a Blyth Festival Volunteer. More information can be found in our Volunteer Handbook, which will be emailed to you when we receive your registration form.

As you may have seen, we have shows both indoors and outdoors this summer. We're so excited to have you join us as we embark on this truly ambitious season.

Indoors at Memorial Hall, we have four incredible productions that will primarily play at 2pm. Outdoors at the Harvest Stage, the three Donnelly productions will take place at 8pm.

In the next section is the Volunteer Registration Form. It includes a question about which venue you'd like to volunteer at. You are welcome to choose either both venues, or only one.

Whether at the Harvest Stage or Memorial Hall, we will still have certain COVID-19 safety measures in place. Our long-term planning is dedicated to keeping our performers, volunteers, staff, and audiences as safe as possible throughout the summer. We are also particularly cognizant of members of our community who are immunocompromised and at greater risk.

Here's what that means for our volunteers:

- All staff and volunteers must be fully vaccinated in accordance with the Blyth Centre for the Arts Vaccination Policy. You will be required to provide proof of full vaccination at your training night ("full vaccination" as determined by the provincial government, currently that means two doses of a Health Canada approved vaccine). If you'd like more information about the Vaccination Policy, please let Nathanya know.
- While it is difficult to know what the state of COVID-19 will be in Ontario 3-6 months from now, we anticipate that all Festival staff and volunteers will continue to wear masks. Decisions about audience mask requirements will be made closer to the summer season. Volunteers will be provided with PPE by the Festival.

Below are some other highlights that will shape our 2023 Season:

- Permanent seating is being installed at Harvest Stage! Capacity at the Harvest Stage this summer will be 379. While there are more than 379 seats, we've set our capacity at 379 so that we can pivot the production indoors when there is inclement weather.
- If a performance is moved indoors due to weather, volunteers will be notified in a timely manner.
- For the Harvest Stage and Memorial Hall, volunteers will be wearing the Blyth Festival t-shirts. If you didn't join us last year, or have lost your t-shirt, one will be provided for

you. We encourage folks to come prepared for the circumstances. This should include sturdy closed-toed shoes and a personal water bottle. It might also include things like a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen or a sweater.

- 50/50 and Concessions will operate at Memorial hall, though are still to be determined at Harvest Stage.
- We will use the SignUp Genius website for volunteer scheduling. If you decide to join us this year, we'll send along a link to the SignUpGenius website, where you can register and create a profile. Once the schedule is open, you'll be able to peruse the schedule and choose the performances that best fit your schedule. As part of this scheduling, you'll be selecting the position you would like to fill. If you are comfortable with any position, and don't mind being shuffled around, please indicate that on the following page. If you answer yes to that question, your position may be changed in order to best fill all positions and accommodate other volunteers.

Important Dates:

SignUp Genius Schedule will open May 10th. At that time, we ask that you only select one performance per production. We want to give everyone a chance to sign up for each show at least once.

May 24th – Starting on this date, you can sign up for additional performances. Go wild! SignUp for as many shows as you want! We love to see you!

Volunteer Orientation will take place in early June. We will have multiple nights for you to choose from. We will have orientations for both the Harvest Stage and Memorial Hall. We ask that all volunteers attend orientation for the venue(s) they will be signing up for. At Orientation we go over the roles and responsibilities of volunteers and what to expect during volunteer shifts.

If you are filling out this form after orientation, you can still join us and become a volunteer! When you return this form we'll get you set up with a SignUp account and we'll do some training with you on your first shift.

We're looking forward to working with you to create a fabulous experience for our patrons!
We're so grateful for all of you and we can't wait to see you.

Best,
Josie & Nathanya

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2023 Volunteer Registration

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Name:	
Address:	
Phone (Home & Cell):	
Email:	
Emergency Contact (Name & Phone Number)	

Preferred Method of Communication: Email Phone

Which venue(s) would you like to be scheduled in: Memorial Hall Harvest Stage

Method of Scheduling:

- Digital (we will send you a link for the online registration and scheduling)
- Paper Copy (we will send a paper form for you to select your performance dates)

Please check Yes or No for the Following Questions	YES	NO
I would love to do more! Add me to the on-call list!		
I am happy to fill any position! Feel free to move me around!		
I consent to having my photo taken for marketing/social media		
I need a new Blyth Festival T-Shirt		

My preferred T-shirt size is: _____

Training Dates (Please select one for each venue you selected)

HARVEST STAGE	MEMORIAL HALL
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday June 7 th 7pm-9pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday May 31 st 7pm-9pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday June 8 th 7pm-9pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday June 1 st 7pm-9pm