



APRIL 2 – 3, 2022

A production of the Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association

ROGER MIKULAS YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE

CONTACTS

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YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE IMPORTANT FACTS

The Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association (TKMA) invites all musicians, who will be 18 years of age or younger at the time of the 37th Annual Tucson Folk Festival, to apply to perform a scheduled set of 5 to 25 minutes for the Roger Mikulas Young Artists Showcase at this year's Festival. TKMA has offered this opportunity to young musicians each year since 2007. The Young Artists Showcase will take place on Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd, 2022. (Schedule to be determined upon response.)

- The Young Artists Showcase is for performers who will be **18 years of age or younger** at the time of the Festival (**Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, April 3**). It is designed to be a welcoming and encouraging environment to perform on a professionally produced stage for a live audience.
- The Young Artists Showcase is a block of time set aside for young performers at the **Wildflower Stage** at the Joel D. Valquez Main Library on Jacome Plaza.
- Adults are not allowed to perform with the Young Artists, except as back-up. Groups with adults are encouraged to apply as regular performers at the Tucson Folk Festival.

The Two Things Everybody Needs To Know

- This is an application to be a **volunteer** performer.
- The Tucson Folk Festival is an acoustic event. We use a very broad definition of "Folk" music. We seek to include performers who bring variety and creativity to the Festival. In addition to traditional folk music, we welcome Americana, Blues, bluegrass/newgrass, mariachi, Tejano, Yaqui, Waila and other ethnic, world and innovative acoustic

music forms. Electric bass is OK, and we even provide a bass amp at each stage. Electronic pianos are OK (played as a straight piano, without special effects), as are pedal steel guitars and small harmonica amps. Percussion of all kinds is welcome and small drum kits are fine (large kits are allowed but discouraged because of stage space and limited set-up time). Drum machines and backing tracks of any kind are **not** allowed. Elaborate pedal setups for instrumental players are **strongly** discouraged.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applications must be submitted online, using the form provided. There is a no fee to apply.

[APPLY HERE](#) (hotlink)

NOTE: After providing and confirming your email address, you will gain access to the Application Form. At the top you will see three red “X”s indicating (1) incomplete Contact Information, (2) Unpaid Application Fee and (3) Incomplete Demo Uploads.

As these 3 steps are completed, the red “X”s will change to green “v” s. A red X indicates what is Not Complete. When you see 3 green “v” s, we have your complete application.

Important Dates

- **October 1, 2021** Application Acceptance Opens
- **January 15, 2021** Application Acceptance Closes
- **February 1, 2022** Young Artist Showcase Participants Notified
- **April 2-3, 2022** Young Artist Showcase at the Festival

TIPS FOR DEMOS AND RECORDINGS

- We encourage you to upload your demo tracks to our server as mp3 files, as this is easiest for our selection committee to work with (the online application form will lead you through the process). Submissions can be professionally produced or as simple as the voice recorder on your phone. Alternately you can provide a link to a YouTube video (do not upload video files).
- Don't include more than 3 pieces. Select pieces that show off your strengths. It is recommended to not include songs that take a long time to get rolling.
- Electric and/or over-produced CDs are not recommended as the selection committee would like to hear your group as it will sound at the festival.

GENERAL FESTIVAL INFORMATION

- The **37th Annual Tucson Folk Festival** will take place on **Saturday, April 2nd & Sunday, April 3rd, 2022**.
- The center of Festival activity, including the Plaza Stage, Festival Kitchen Store and Vendors area, will be held in Jacome Plaza and surrounding area of the Joel D. Valquez Main Library in Downtown Tucson: <https://www.downtowntucson.org/locations/jacome-plaza/>. Additional stages are located within walking distance.
- Sets are 5 to 25 minutes long. Please note if you bring a lot of instruments, the set-up time will cut into your time with the audience.
- We provide a complete sound system with plenty of DI's for your instruments that have pickups and mics for those that don't, and of course mics for your vocals. We also provide a bass amp at each stage so you don't have to haul one around. If you need music stands, those are up to you.
- Performers may sell their CDs on consignment through the Festival Kitchen Store with TKMA keeping \$2 of total sales as commission. CDs are typically priced at \$15, but you can price yours as you wish. TKMA commission on download cards is \$1 per \$5 card and \$2 per \$10 or higher card.

ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL OPPORTUNITIES

Festival Performer:

- If you would like to be a Festival Performer, separate and apart from the Young Artist Showcase, please read the Performer Information Fact Sheet at the link below. Three song demos in mp3 format are required and can be the same or different from your Songwriting Competition demos.
- Early Performer Applications are free until **October 31, 2021**, after which there is a separate non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 for late applicants. Performer application acceptance closes **November 15, 2021**.
- **Apply Here:** <https://www.tucsonfolkfest.org/festival-applications/>

TKMA Membership:

- You are not required to be a TKMA Member to apply for the Songwriting Competition or to be a Festival Performer, but we encourage you to become a Member! Annual memberships are the best way to keep our festival going and stay free to the public. We're proud to be one of the oldest FREE folk music festivals in the country!
- **Become a Member Here:** <https://www.tucsonfolkfest.org/membership/>

Ballad Tree:

- A tradition here and at other festivals, the Ballad Tree offers musicians an informal setting to present songs in a round robin format (song circle). It could be a tune you just wrote or a

song you learned from your grandfather 40 years ago. This year, the Ballad Tree will be open both Saturday and Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m.

- The Ballad Tree welcomes beginners and master players – we encourage all acoustic instrument players, singers, poets, storytellers and listeners to stop by and share in our Song Circle. No signups are required, just come on over with your instruments. All attendees are welcome.

Workshops:

- Sharing your knowledge with others makes the festival even more rewarding. If you have a topic you would like to teach in a 60-90 minute workshop, enter your topic in the field under **Other Opportunities** and we will contact you. Acceptance as a Songwriting Contestant or Festival Performer is not required. All attendees are welcome.

Volunteer Activities:

- If you are interested in volunteering at the Festival (in addition to performing) or participating in any of our pre-festival activities, we can use your help! It takes over 200 volunteers to put on the festival every year.
- Volunteer jobs include working in the TKMA Kitchen Store, Beer Garden, Water/Soda and Raffle Booths, Volunteer Tent, Children's Area and/or acting as Emcee, Stage Manager/Asst. Manager and/or general roustabout! Volunteer opportunities will be posted on our website after January 2022!
- Pre-festival volunteer opportunities include helping with fundraisers, publicity, selling program ads, soliciting sponsorships and vendors and lining up raffle prizes.
- **Sign Up to Volunteer Here:** <https://www.tucsonfolkfest.org/tkma-volunteers/>

The Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association (TKMA) is an all-volunteer operated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; established in 1986. Our mission is to further public awareness and interest in acoustic music and other folk arts by promoting and producing the annual Tucson Folk Festival; one of the oldest FREE folk music festivals in the country! www.tucsonfolkfest.org and <https://www.facebook.com/TucsonFolkFest>