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Subject: Springboro's Christmas Festival

Hi Dolores. Lisa Heermans gave me your e-mail address and told me your group might be interested in performing at our 20th Annual Christmas in Historic Springboro. She thought you might need some details before you could make a decision. Here they are:

The 20th Annual Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival is scheduled for November 19, 20, and 21, 2004 in the city's six-block historic district. This year's theme is "A Star-Spangled Christmas" honoring both our military men and women and America's 2004 Summer Olympic Team. The festival is sponsored by the Springboro Area Historical Society with support from the City of Springboro and the Springboro Area Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas in Historic Springboro attracts over 50,000 people because of the high quality, free entertainment and the festive, fun, family atmosphere. This year's planned activities include 2 entertainment tents running continuously for the duration of the festival, carriage rides, a festival parade featuring WDTN's Jim Bucher as the Grand Marshall, the Zoo Cats, Santa Claus, live reindeer, an official town tree lighting ceremony, and extraordinary street performers including carolers, jugglers, a Town Crier and much, much more. Again, all of this is free and open to the public and takes place right on Main Street. And of course, the festival is full of crafters and food vendors from throughout the region offering traditional Christmas fare and festival favorites.

In addition to the many attractions above, the Springboro Area Historical Society offers Underground Railroad tours all day long during the festival. **As you may or may not know, Springboro has the largest concentration of documented Underground Railroad sites in the entire country.** These tours attract people from around the area and interest in this community is at an all-time high now that the National Underground Railroad and Freedom Center is set to open in Cincinnati later this summer.

I hope your group would consider performing to our festival. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your consideration.

Shannon

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Subject: Re: Springboro's Christmas Festival

Hi Dolores. Thanks so much for your interest. I'll answer the questions I can and get back with you with the answers to the questions I don't know about.

The entertainment tent is right on Main Street in downtown Springboro (State Route 741). It is heated. I'm not sure about the size of the stage area or sound system so I'll have to check on that. We've never had to contend with rain that weekend but sometimes it gets cold (snow??) -- however the tent is heated and it doesn't seem to keep folks away.

We usually try to accomodate requests for performance times the best we can. However, that gets pretty difficult because it seems everyone wants the same times. Generally, we can accomodate requests for the particular day. I'd suggest giving me a couple of options in priority order and we'll do everything we can to accomodate but.... We want you to want to come to our festival so we really will try to be accomodating the best we can.

All of our festival parking is free however, I think we can get some up close parking passes for the dancers. And because we have to rent the tents, chairs, heaters and propane, we've just never been able to afford any sort of stipend, unfortunately. We don't charge for our festival so all of our entertainers are "volunteers." I think I can handle the parking issue, however.

I would be open to any suggestion you might have with respect to the program. I like the idea of crowd participation as well as both the international dances tied in with some american dances. But I will defer to your judgement. The crowd is very very family oriented with both kids and adults. And despite the day or time or weather, our entertainment tent is usually busting out of the seems. I'd say about 30-45 minutes makes sense. Do you have some preference? I am open to anything here.

I'll get back to you on the surface of the stage and the size as well as on the sound system. If you can think of anything else, please let me know. I'm happy to do what I can to make this an enjoyable festival for you to participate in. We pride ourselves on being a fun, family-oriented crowd that loves to support the community. Last year we had over 50,000 people attend our festival. We hope to top that this year.

Thanks again for your interest. Look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Shannon