

SMASH! 2022 Performance Terms & Conditions

The Sydney Manga and Anime Show (SMASH!) will be taking place from July 16-17 2022 at the ICC Sydney: International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour. We are looking for performers, demonstrators, bands, solo artists, singers, dancers, and dance groups to rock the Hobby Mania Performance Stage this year at SMASH!

Please read through the following information before applying to perform at SMASH!

Please note: all performances are to be held on a voluntary basis. The provision of free tickets to performers is a maximum of eight (8) passes per group, and only when performances are 15 minutes or more. Requests for additional tickets will be handled on a case-by-case basis for successful applicants.

Schedule, available equipment, and stage location details will be discussed after successful applicants are contacted.

The most important aspects of the application selection process are as follows:

1. **Keep it relevant!** SMASH! is a convention celebrating anime, manga, and Japanese culture. As such, we want our program to reflect this. During the selection process, SMASH! will strongly favour performances that are related to anime, manga, anime-style video games, or other content with heavy artistic influences or inspirations taken from Japanese culture.
2. **Keep it professional!** Performers of any skill level are encouraged to apply, but performances should be well-rehearsed, clear, and presented in a way that helps ensure we can bring the most enjoyable community-driven content to SMASH!
3. **Keep it clean!** SMASH! is a family-friendly convention. As such, performances that include swearing or sexually explicit content are not allowed. The Hobby Mania Performance Stage will be in the general halls and therefore we will not be able to control age upon entry. All content must not exceed a 15+ rating.

Applying to Perform

While completing the Application Form, you will need to provide an example of your performance. This could be a link (e.g. YouTube, Soundcloud) to a recording, or you can upload an audio or video file (videos must be .mp4 and in 1080p). The people who plan on performing must be present in the example. The example must be a recording of you or your group, not of another example found elsewhere. **Applications that do not include an example will not be considered.**

If your performance is a group, please ensure the person filling out the form is prepared to be the main contact between your group and SMASH!.

In the Application Form, you will be asked to include an image and a short description of your performance or group. If your application is successful, this information will be used on the website.

You will be asked which day of SMASH! (16th or 17th of July) you would prefer to perform on. Please note that this is a preference; the day you choose is not guaranteed and will be decided based on the schedule.

Applications close on June 19th. You will be notified soon after this date whether your application has or has not been successful along with more details.

Disclaimer: Your performance may be filmed or photographed by SMASH! staff and approved media. By submitting an application to perform at SMASH!, you and any additional group members give SMASH! Inc. permission to use these assets for promotional purposes in future events.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will I have to bring for my performance?

Music performers are required to bring their instruments, instrument leads, and music stands. Performers using a backing track are required to bring a backup of their music on a USB or phone.

Dance performers are required to bring any props they plan on using during their performance and their music on a USB or phone as a backup. Props such as chairs may be available - please email us after your application has been accepted to confirm availability.

The use of personal equipment during performances must be requested to and approved by the Performances team in advance.

What equipment will be provided for the stages?

A list of available backline equipment will be provided closer to the convention date.

Is this a paid gig?

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How long should my performance be?

For scheduling purposes, performances should be a minimum of 15 minutes. Performances that are shorter than 15 minutes may still be considered; however, we will not be able to provide free tickets to these performers..

I'm not sure if my presentation fits under the Performances category, can I still apply?

SMASH! offers a diverse range of community content and we are keen to receive your application! Other types of presentations include panels, workshops, competitions, and special events. If you aren't sure whether your content fits as a performance please contact us and we can help you decide.

Can I store any items at SMASH!?

In general, there will not be any storage facilities available within the Event Space for performers. Permission to store items short-term may be granted on a case by case basis and must be requested to and approved by the Performances team in advance.

We suggest you keep all personal belongings with you as you present; however, there will be a “back of house” area at each stage where you can put your belongings during the actual running of your presentation.

The ICC also has a complimentary cloaking service that you may utilise.

Inquiries

For any performance-related inquiries, please do not hesitate to email:
performances@smash.org.au