

North Texas Irish Festival

The First Weekend of March since 1983.

2025

Dear Corporate/Commercial Vendor:

We are pleased to announce the 43rd Annual North Texas Irish Festival to be held at Fair Park in Dallas. We are proud to say that the Festival will once again be the largest Irish Festival in the Southwest and one of the largest in the Nation. Our purpose is to provide both an educational and entertaining Irish Experience for those who attend. We accomplish this by bringing together the very best in Irish musicians, dancers, artists and other performers, as well as a great number of quality vendors, displays and special events. We've enjoyed phenomenal growth since our first Festival in March of 1983, and welcome the challenge to continue to expand and improve. NTIF Vendors are an important part of our Festival, and we hope that you will join us for this Texas-sized Irish celebration. Guarantee your space at the Festival by completing the commercial vendor application and sending it to us today.



About the Festival:

The North Texas Irish Festival is produced and sponsored by the Southwest Celtic Music Association, Inc. a Texas nonprofit, tax exempt corporation dedicated to the "study, performance, promotion and preservation of Celtic music and dance in the Southwest." Since its beginning in March of 1983, the NTIF has become one of the largest festivals in the United States, hosting multiple stages, workshops, craft demonstrations, a children's area, games, traditional Irish foods and beverages, cultural displays, vendor areas and much more.

The Festival welcomes professional arts and crafts vendors and merchandise businesses that offer quality products. Although we would prefer booths with a Celtic or handcrafted theme, it is not required; the Festival reserves the right to reject any products we feel are not appropriate. The sale of weapons, food and beverages, or products bearing the Festival name is prohibited without the prior written approval of the Festival Director. The Festival expressly prohibits politically themed or pornographic materials.



Festival Dates:

Friday, February 28th

Saturday, March 1st

Sunday, March 2nd

PLEASE NOTE: The Festival will open to the public on Friday, February 28th at 6 PM.

We have always required that our vendors move in on Friday and to be set up by 5 PM. To encourage additional vendor sales, as well as food and beverage sales, we now operate three of our stages on Friday night from 6 PM to 11PM.

IF YOU CANNOT BE FULLY SET UP BY 6 PM ON FRIDAY, PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY.



Booth Sizes and Descriptions:

Vendor areas will be located in the Centennial and the Automobile buildings. If you have been in the Centennial Building and wish to retain your location, please indicate that on your application.

Festival booths are available in 10' x 10' (100 sq. ft.) spaces. Vendors requiring larger areas may rent multiple booth spaces. Vendor spaces are located inside the two Festival buildings and outdoors. Please be sure to specify your space and location needs on the vendor application form. **Tables, chairs, and electrical drops may also be rented from the festival if needed.** We do not provide or rent lights, extension cords or plug strips.

Deposits and Fees:

A refundable deposit of \$250 is required from all commercial vendors. **We ask that you submit two checks with your application:** one check for booth fees and miscellaneous charges and a separate check for your \$250 deposit. This deposit will be held until it is returned to you at the scheduled close of the Festival on Sunday, provided that vendors have not damaged their areas, vacated their booths before scheduled closing or ignored any Festival rules pertaining to booth spaces. Booth rental fees and cost of accessories rental are listed on the vendor reply form. Included in vendor fees are the cost of **two vendor passes, one parking pass**, 24-hour security and facility cleanup each morning before Festival opening.

Reminder—Although we do not take a percentage of booth income, the various government entities do. **It is your responsibility to collect and pay Texas State and local Sales and Use Tax (currently 8.25%). For more information, see the Texas Comptroller’s website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/sales/index.html> or call 1-800-252-5555.**



Confirmation:

If your application is in order and all fees are received by the application deadline, your check will be deposited, serving as your confirmation. Booth assignments, regulations and other useful information will be posted on the festival website, www.ntif.org, as well as being sent to you the week before the Festival. To discuss matters related to your booth, please contact me at dallasdirectory.2022@gmail.com or the Festival Director’s office at 214-823-4370.



How to apply:

Complete the enclosed Corporate/Commercial vendor application, sign and mail with all fees (**2 CHECKS**) to the address provided on the application. The festival will not accept reservations for booth spaces without all fees paid. Please send check or money order made out to the North Texas Irish Festival —*no cash*.

We reserve the right not to admit vendors selling merchandise other than that listed or approved by the Festival. All booths will be inspected after setup and periodically during the weekend. Vendors selling or displaying material that the Festival finds objectionable will be asked to leave.

North Texas Irish Festival Website – www.NTIF.org

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