Application to perform at the 15th Wigan Diggers Festival

Saturday, 11th September 2027

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. Once completed please send to wigandiggersartists@gmail.com **with all required attachments. No other forms of entry will be accepted. The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 17th January. No applications will be accepted after this date.**

1.	**Artist Name:**	
2.	**Contact Person:**	
3.	**Contact Email:**	
4.	**Contact Telephone:**	
5.	**Website:**	
6.	**Social Media Links:**	
7.	**Music/Video Download Link:**	
8.	**Genre of Artist/ Type of music played:**	
9.	**Where are you based?**	
10.	**Where were your last 3 gigs?**	
11.	**Brief Description of Act & Line-up:**	
12.	**Total Number in Act:**	
13.	**Do you perform mainly your own material?**	***YES/NO*** ***The committee have agreed that preference will be given to acts playing original material.***
14.	**We have 2 stages, Main Stage and the smaller Song & Story Stage. Do you have a preference for performing on a particular stage? (please state which):**	
15.	**What are you prepared to do to help publicise the Diggers Festival? This is important, the festival is a collaborative effort and the more people hear about it, the more successful it will be:**	
16.	Although we are a free festival, funded by donations and fundraising, we are able to pay reasonable basic expenses for artists travelling to the festival and we will also provide artists with £10 worth of vouchers to obtain a little food and drink while they are there – up	

	to a maximum of 10 vouchers per group - (which can also be used towards Diggers Merchandise, if preferred). Could you please give us an indication of how much you would require in expenses in order to perform at the festival? Please note that offering to play for nothing will not improve your chances of being selected, as we strongly believe that no one should 'pay to play' or simply play 'for exposure' (although we do gather relatively large crowds of up to 1500 people and so you will benefit from that and the opportunity to sell merchandise). For acts up to and including 10 people, we have set a basic minimum of £10 travel expenses and £10 food/drink vouchers, but we can consider more for travel where artists are coming from a distance**.** **Expense request including your performance fees -**

Please attach the following information:

- **BIOGRAPHY (please include the name of the artist in the file name – please just don't call it Biography!)**
- **STAGE PLAN & CHANNEL LIST (You can keep it simple, but it helps us plan)**
- **PHOTOGRAPH (please include the name of the artist in the file name, otherwise they just get lost)**

PLEASE NOTE:

- *No applications will be considered without the above 3 requirements, or all questions being answered.*
- *The Diggers Festival is a free entry, family-friendly event. Artists are expected to respect this when choosing their material for performance and their language from the stage.*
- ***We wish to reflect diversity of all types in our artist selection and therefore welcome applications from all cultures, genders and sexuality.***

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We aim to inform successful applicants by **Sunday 14th March** - If you have not heard from us by this time, please don't let this put you off applying for 2028!

PLEASE NOTE: the line up of acts appearing at The Diggers Festival is decided by a committee of 10 people, all with an individual vote, acts receiving the most votes are offered places at the festival. Committee members represent a great variety in musical tastes. No one person on the committee has more influence than any other and therefore approaches to individual committee members will have no value and may be counter-productive.