

# Be a Guest Performer



## *Out Of The Woodwork*

*"We Are Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made On..."*

*Shakespeare, William. Tempest Act IV, Sc. 1*

Out of the Woodwork (OOTW) Productions, producer of the Virginia Renaissance Faire (a historically based faire drawing its inspiration from Elizabethan England), is pleased to once again invite musical, vocal, and theatrical performers from the community and local schools to perform upon their stages. To maintain this historical integrity, we ask that artists who wish to perform on our stages present music, plays, literary works or other forms of entertainment such as puppetry, story telling, juggling, magic or dance from that time period wearing clothing appropriate to the period.

- ❖ **Musicians** - Instrumentalists will be featured on stage as soloists or ensembles. Contemporary acoustic or period instruments may be used. Sources of appropriate music include folk songs, recorder consorts or virginal music for woodwinds or strings as well as Tower Music for brass ensembles dated prior to 1600.
- ❖ **Madrigals and Vocalists** - Madrigal groups and other vocalists will be featured on stage as soloists or ensembles. Sources of appropriate music may include folk songs as well as secular and church music dated prior to 1600.
- ❖ **Drama** - Ensemble cast or individuals will be featured on stage and may perform a 15-20 minute selection from 16<sup>th</sup> century period works, a compressed version of a period play, period poems, an original performance piece in the style of the period, or a fairy tale (rewritten into the language and times of Elizabethan England).
- ❖ **Dancers** - Ensemble cast or individuals may perform dance popular during Elizabethan England.
- ❖ **The Queen's Jesters** - Ensemble cast or individuals may perform other forms of entertainment such as puppetry, story telling, magic, or juggling popular during Elizabethan England.

School groups, soloists, and ensemble casts are eligible to perform at the Faire. Applications to be a performer must be submitted by February 1, 2010.

For specific requirements or additional information to be a performer at the Virginia Renaissance Faire, call (703) 508-5036, or email [education@varf.org](mailto:education@varf.org).