

# SOUNDWAVES at CHRISTMAS TOWN™

**AT BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG**  
**November through December**

## ***Policies and Guidelines***

We are excited that you are interested in performing at Busch Gardens and hope we are able to make this a truly memorable experience for you and your group. Before your expected arrival at Busch Gardens, you will be contacted by a representative from our Special Events Department to discuss the requested date and time of your performance and to establish a set performance. If you are interested in a performance during our spring or summer season, please inquire about our Summer Sound Waves Application packet.

The following are policies and guidelines to ensure a successful performance and pleasant experience.

**Uniform:** A clean, sharp wardrobe and well-groomed appearance speaks for your group as well as your music. Sunglasses, chewing gum and food are not permitted during performance. T-shirts, blue jeans and sneakers are not considered proper attire for anyone in the group. We ask that you please wear a matching outfit – all one-color shirt and one color pants. Your stay at Busch Gardens constitutes a representation of your school, community and city, both in and out of uniform. Please keep our seasonal temperatures in mind when uniforms are chosen. A photograph of your group in the uniform/costume to be worn at Busch Gardens must accompany your application. Performance costumes may not be worn at Busch Gardens at any time other than during your performance.

**Music:** All show material performed at Busch Gardens must be submitted for review with your application. We suggest upbeat, popular Christmas Music for our Christmas Town Event. Please keep in mind that Busch Gardens is a theme park and our audiences come to see shows and be entertained. We also ask that you not perform selections synonymous with other theme parks. Remember, you are not performing at Busch Gardens to be judged, but to entertain, so have fun with your performance!

**Additional Needs:** Please let us know specific details prior to your performance. Other than microphones on stands, a CD Player for your background music, Busch Gardens does not provide equipment for your scheduled performance. We do not provide chairs, risers, music stands or any other audio equipment.

**Performance Areas** – For Christmas Town Season, we only have performance areas to accommodate choral groups. Groups perform on the Balcony in front of Das Festhaus. Please read below for more information.

## Regarding your group's needs:

### All Groups:

After your group enters the park, you can meet an event representative outside of the Festhaus Men's Restrooms at your designated time. For most groups that will be 5:30pm or 7:00pm.

Your events representative will show you where you can have your group warm up prior to your performance.

Your group will perform on the balcony in front of the Festhaus and will be placed on risers. Because of the tight space, we do not recommend arrangements that include movement or dance.

You will be provided with 4-6 microphones on stands. The speakers are located below and to the side of the Festhaus Balcony. Because you are raised off the ground, to achieve the best sound quality we recommend that your group be arranged closely around the mics so that the wind and other interference are not picked up.

**ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIREMENTS:** To ensure your accompaniment disc will be compatible with our audio equipment, we ask that the tracks are saved to the disc as a ".WAV" file. Two copies of the CD is recommended for use warm ups and the performance. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL TRACKS ARE SAVED IN THE PERFORMANCE ORDER TO ENSURE SMOOTH TRANSITIONS.**

**Insurance Certification:** To perform on Busch Gardens Williamsburg property, you must provide us with a certificate of insurance. A certificate of insurance is always needed when a group is performing any action that is out of the normal daily operation of the park. The park covers an individual if an injury occurs due to gross negligence on behalf of Busch Gardens Williamsburg. If during an activity that is outside of the normal operation of the park an individual is injured (for example, an in-park performance), then they must be covered by a type of liability insurance from an outside source. Normally, this is provided by the school.

Once your application has been processed and we have received your insurance requirements, you will receive a contract confirming the date, time and location of your performance. Admission tickets must be purchased in advance to perform in the park. If you would like to add a picnic lunch to your day, we will be able to decide for you. Payment is due 30 days prior to your performance date to receive your tickets.

We are pleased that you are interested in performing at Busch Gardens Williamsburg and, again, we will do everything possible to make sure this is truly a fun and exciting addition to your trip!

## Performance Application 2025-2026

### Group Information (Please Print Clearly)

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Group's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Performers: \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperones/Non Performers: \_\_\_\_\_ Total in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tour Operator Information (Please be sure to complete if your group is utilizing a Tour Operator)

Tour Operators Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative/ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Performance Group Type

\_\_\_\_ Marching Band \_\_\_\_ Concert Band \_\_\_\_ Wind Ensemble \_\_\_\_ Orchestra \_\_\_\_ Show Choir \_\_\_\_ Concert Choir  
\_\_\_\_ Dance Teams \_\_\_\_ Steel Band \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Performance Area Selection (Please keep in mind groups are only allowed to perform once per day)

Main Gate: \_\_\_\_\_

### Performance Date Requested (Please list dates in order of preference)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Theme Park Performance

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If yes, please list park(s) and Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Performance Selections (Please list the songs you plan to perform at Busch Gardens Williamsburg)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the application with the current DVD and photo to:**

[BGWSpeicalEvents@seaworld.com](mailto:BGWSpeicalEvents@seaworld.com)

## RELEASE

For good and valuable consideration, including PARTICIPANT being permitted to participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ ("EVENT") to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, I, the undersigned participant ("PARTICIPANT"), and I, the undersigned Parent or Guardian ("PARENT OR GUARDIAN") (where applicable), for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, forever release and discharge SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment LLC d/b/a Busch Gardens Williamsburg/Water Country USA theme amusement parks and all affiliates, subsidiaries, corporate parents, officers, directors, partners, employees and agents of the foregoing (hereinafter individually and collectively in all combinations referred to as "BUSCH") from all claims, causes of action, costs and judgments that I now or hereafter may have or claim to have against BUSCH for personal injuries, including death, and damage to property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of PARTICIPANT'S involvement in the EVENT.

I further agree to and do hereby assume all risks of personal injuries to PARTICIPANT, including death, and damages to PARTICIPANT'S property, real or personal, caused by or arising out of PARTICIPANT'S involvement in the EVENT.

I further agree for myself, my successors, heirs, assigns, executors and administrators to indemnify and hold BUSCH harmless from and against all claims and suits for personal injuries, including death, and damages to property, real or personal caused by PARTICIPANT'S act or omission arising out of PARTICIPANT'S involvement in the EVENT, and from all judgments and costs recovered in said claims and suits from all expenses incurred in defending said claims or suits.

I further agree that PARTICIPANT'S photographs, pictures, slides and movies taken or made by BUSCH in connection with PARTICIPANT'S involvement in the EVENT, or any reproduction of the same, as well as PARTICIPANT'S name, may in any manner be used by BUSCH, or by any person, corporation, partnership or association authorized by BUSCH.

I hereby attest and verify that PARTICIPANT is physically fit and has sufficiently trained for participating in the EVENT and that PARTICIPANT'S physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor.

I further consent to PARTICIPANT receiving medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the EVENT.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AND RELEASE AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of PARTICIPANT

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Signature of PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
(if PARTICIPANT is under 18)

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Name of PARTICIPANT (Please Print)

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Name of PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
(Please Print)

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## **Checklist**

- **Returned Completed Application.**
- **Returned Insurance Certification.**
- **Sent Link of the group Singing or Performing.**
- **Signed Release forms can be hand delivered.**