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Nobles Need Not Apply; Peasants Wanted

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Sarasota Medieval Fair is holding Open Auditions for General Cast!

Sarasota, FL (July 20, 2011) – The Sarasota Medieval Fair is announcing their auditions for the 8th season to be performed in November and both first time and veteran enthusiasts are invited to try out their talents at improv and with a sword at the Sarasota Fair Grounds.

The Sarasota Medieval Fair will return this November with their scenario “Peasants Revolt of 1381” and locals are requested to come out and enjoy a fun afternoon with both newbies and returnees as they audition for the festival cast to help recreate this historical movement.

In medieval times, the 1381 rebellion was led by a man named Wat Tyler and though it was not only considered as the most extreme and widespread insurrection in English history, but also the best-documented popular rebellion to have occurred during the medieval age. Artistic Director, Dean Bowden, works hard at casting and educating the actors with their roles to depict English history and it’s become a bit of a hobby. “I first started participating in festivals in the early 80’s as a kid,” says Bowden of Sarasota. “History has become a passion for me and I have great people that help recreate my vision in this entire process.”

Dean Bowden has been the Artistic Director for the Sarasota Medieval Fair since its beginning in 2005 and writes and directs the general cast with the scenario and choreographs the Human Combat Chess match, one of the strongest features of the festival, alongside the joust.

Independent talents, sword fighters, improv actors and first time ever enthusiasts are encouraged to come out and participate in the audition process, regardless of the experience.

The Sarasota Medieval Fair will hold auditions on Saturday and Sunday, August 20th & 21st, 2011. For full details on the audition process, please visit www.SarasotaMedievalFair.com, call 1-888-303-3247 or email Dean Bowden: ArtisticDirector@sarasotamedievalfair.com. The 8th Annual Sarasota Medieval Fair will be held on November 12-13 & 19-20, 2010 from 10am – 6pm rain or shine.

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For festival media resources, visit our Official website at: www.SarasotaMedievalFair.com and click on the “Press Room” page. There you will be able to download Press Releases, Media Sheets, Reviews & Articles, and more. If you would like to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event on event day, please let us know in advance and will be happy to accommodate in any way we can.

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If you are a media representative and would like to contact our Marketing Division, please contact the Marketing Coordinator at: Marketing@SarasotaMedievalFair.com or call Toll-Free: 1-888-303-FAIR(3247)