

Holidays at Filoli

Holiday Entertainer FAQ

Whether you have performed at Filoli in the past, or this is your first time, you may have some questions about procedures and new changes this year. Please read your “Holiday Entertainer Agreement” in full. It has lots of information about where to go and what to do the day of your performance. If you have any questions that are not covered in your agreement or in this FAQ, please email Hayley Duncan at hduncan@filoli.org

Q: Will my group receive free admission to Holidays at Filoli?

A: Yes! Performers will receive admission for the day or evening they are performing at Filoli. In addition, 1 parent or guardian will also be granted admission (total of two tickets per participant). During Holidays, there is separate entry for day and evening with different access wristbands. This means if your group is performing at 6pm on Saturday, you can stay after your performance and enjoy the house and gardens, but you may not arrive at 11am that morning and receive your admission then, admission will be distributed to the entire group plus their single guest when they arrive at their scheduled time. For children's groups and school groups, Admission will also be given to one teacher, director, or chaperone for every 10 children. If the group is larger than 10, two chaperones are required and both will receive admission. Additional parents and supporters of performers will need to purchase admission to attend any performances at Filoli.

Q: Where should my group go when we arrive at Filoli?

A: The “Green Room” will be Room D in the Visitor Center. When you arrive, an entertainment host will greet you outside the visitor center and guide you to the green room. Do not go directly to the main house. Your group should be in the green room 30 minutes before your scheduled performance time. You may use this time to warm up, have a snack, change clothes, ect. Your group can leave their personal belongings in this room during the performance. If any group members plan to stay and enjoy Filoli after the performance, they should remove their belongings from the green room immediately following the performance as other groups will need to use it. Filoli is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Q: Do I need to bring any AV equipment? What does Filoli provide?

A: Filoli has two handheld microphones, one mic stand, 2 speakers, 2 music stands, one piano, and several armless chairs that performers are welcome to use. We will send you an email prior to your performance requesting your AV needs. If you would like to bring any of your own equipment, please let us know what items you plan to bring, and we will let you know if they are approved.

Q: Should I bring amplification for my harp, guitar, violin ect.?

A: You will be performing in our Grand Ballroom, which is quite large, but designed to carry sound very well. We find that most instruments do not require amplification in this room.

Q: I need to bring a large instrument or other heavy equipment, where should I park to unload?

A: Please let us know what you will be bringing and we will send you a map and load in time. This is a historical property, so please keep in mind that while we do have ramps, you should be able to carry or roll your equipment (with rubber tires only) over bumpy ground and around tight turns, or bring someone to help you. We cannot provide staff to help unload equipment.