

Stage Master of Ceremony (MC)

Your role

As a Stage MC, **you are the voice and energy of the stage!** Your job is to introduce performers, engage the audience, and keep the program running smoothly. You'll work closely with the Stage Manager, performers, and showcase coordinators to create a lively and inclusive atmosphere.

Key responsibilities

- > **Engage with performers** before their performance to confirm introduction details.
- > **Communicate stage running times** with performers and Showcase Coordinators.
- > **Review MC scripts** provided for each session or showcase.
- > **Maintain positive relationships** with performers, coordinators, and technical staff.
- > **Host and facilitate events and performances** on your assigned stage.
- > **Share MC duties with another volunteer** if requested (often during showcases).
- > **Make announcements and introduce performers** using inclusive language.
- > **Keep the audience informed** and maintain a lively atmosphere.
- > **Adhere to the event schedule** and assist with transitions.
- > **Research and familiarise yourself** with the cultures represented at the festival.
- > **Be culturally aware:** Respect customs and avoid unintentional offense.
- > **Respond to emergency announcements** as directed by event organisers.

Getting started

1. **Check in** at the Volunteer Hub.
2. **Head to your assigned stage** and introduce yourself to the Stage Manager, Sound Technicians, Performers, and Showcase Coordinator.
3. **Locate the stage program/run-sheet** folder.
4. **Review your MC scripts** and confirm details with performers.

Tools you'll have

- > **MC scripts and run sheets** for introductions.
- > Support from the **Stage Manager** and **Showcase Coordinator**.
- > Festival **program and cultural background** information for reference.

Helpful tips

- > **Be prepared and organised:** Review scripts early and confirm details.
- > **Stay positive and energetic:** Your tone sets the mood for the audience.
- > **Use inclusive language:** Respect diversity and avoid stereotypes.
- > **Ask if unsure:** Always clarify with the Stage Manager or Coordinator.
- > **Engage the crowd:** Keep announcements clear and upbeat.

Safety and communication

- > **Follow Stage Manager instructions** for emergencies or schedule changes.
- > **Keep communication professional** and focused on event needs.

Your impact

You're the **voice of the festival stage**, creating memorable experiences for performers and audiences alike. Your energy and professionalism help showcase the diversity and vibrancy of the event. Thank you for making the festival unforgettable!

