Marietta Grassroots
2018 Marietta Music Festival
September 15-16, 2018
Band Application

Thank you for applying to the 2018 Music Festival put on by Marietta Grassroots Inc.! We are a not-for-profit 501c3 organization that hosts events around Marietta to bring the community together.

The Music Festival is partnering with the Marietta Street Fest for two fun-filled days of events. The bands that are selected will have the opportunity to play in front of large crowds (Saturday-total estimation: 10,000-12,000), sell their merchandise, and gain recognition. Keep in mind this is not a paying gig, but an opportunity for your band to play on the square, get its name out there, or sell CD's and merchandise.

Bands must meet certain qualifications to be a part of the music festival:

- Band to be based out of metro Atlanta area
- Must have all-age appropriate music
- Live music must be played (no recorded tracks)
- No Cover Bands
- Original music must make up the majority of the set (See: No Cover Bands)

Full Bands will play on: **Saturday, September 15th from 3pm-9pm**
Solo/singer-songwriters will play on: **Sunday, September 16th from 1pm-5pm**

If you meet the above qualifications, read below for more information:

Genres
This is a music festival for all types of genres. Groups/Artists will be selected based on the quality of the music submitted, not based on a genre of music.

Selection Process
All bands/acts interested in participating must send a completed application, a suggested $30 non-refundable super-appreciated donation*, and a minimum of 3 songs either on cd, mp3, or video via mail, email or web-link. All applications and songs must be received by August 4th, 2018. Songs sent in must be similar to the songs played the day of the festival.
Keep in mind, we select off of what we are given. If you have a video that captures the essence of what you do better than a recorded track, by all means submit it.

Playing Time
Selected Full Bands (Saturday) and Singer/Songwriters (Sunday) will play on the main stage and will perform a music set of 45 minutes. A minimum of 4 songs and a maximum of 9 songs may be played. Exact time allotment will be revealed 3-4 weeks before the show. These performance times are non-negotiable and will be enforced.

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Sound System
Saturday Bands will use a main sound system (provided by Marietta Grassroots) and are expected to play through it. Microphones, DI boxes and floor monitors will be provided. A basic drum kit will be provided. It is the responsibility of each band to bring its own instruments, effects, and amplifiers (if needed). Acoustic and vocal acts will be expected to use mic'd sound for amplification.

Sunday Bands will use a main sound system (provided by Marietta Grassroots) and are expected to play through it. Microphones, DI boxes and floor monitors will be provided. A Drum Kit is NOT provided. It is the responsibility of each band to bring its own instruments, effects, and amplifiers (if needed).

Set-Up/Breakdown
Acts/Bands are required to set up their own equipment within a 10-minute time period. Breakdown is also limited to 10 minutes. Keep in mind your act will be setting up while another is breaking down.

Sound Check
The music festival will begin at the times listed above. Bands are required to be at the stage for sound check that afternoon. A specific time will be assigned upon acceptance. Please plan on being at the Marietta Square by 12pm noon.

Merchandise Sales
Bands will be allowed to set up one (1) table along the perimeter of Glover Park for merchandise sales. Set up and break down of the table is the sole responsibility of the band. Any trash, debris, merchandise and tables left at the conclusion of the festival will be discarded or become the property of Marietta Grassroots, Inc. Bands will be required to adhere to all city and state laws regarding merchandise sales.

What's the Point of the Marietta Grassroots Music Festival?
We at MG love music. In fact, most of the people you'll encounter that volunteer to help out on festival day are musicians or love the arts. We appreciate people like you – the ones who make music for the rest of us to listen to. So, we created a day of music and rent out the Marietta Square to give you an opportunity to display your craft and your skills in front of the folks of Marietta.

Why Don't the Bands Get Paid?
Simple answer: there isn't enough money in sponsorship. It takes a lot of money to make the festival happen as it is, and a lot of people give their time, money and energy to make the festival happen. MG isn't anyone's "job" – we do this because we love local music. We would love to pay the bands; unfortunately it isn't in the cards right now.

See Application Form below…

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Application Form

Please enter all information below:

Band Name: _____

*Band(Saturday) or Solo Act (Sunday):*_____

Number of Musicians Performing on Festival Day: _____

Genre: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Telephone #: _____

Home City of Band: _____

Member of Performance Rights Organization: _____
(BMI, ASCAP, SESAC, None)

Number of songs submitting: _____

Submitting by cd or email: _____

Send application and suggested* $30 donation to:
Marietta Grassroots, Inc. Make Checks payable to: Marietta Grassroots, Inc.
145 Church St. NE – Suite 240
Marietta, GA 30060

Email this form, songs or questions to Les: Les@mariettagrassroots.org
By submitting this application you understand and will adhere to all information stated above.

*Why is the $30 "suggested" and a "donation" you ask? MG is a non-profit 501c3 organization and so we can't charge you or have "fees", but everything you give is tax-deductible! The $30 goes to pay for sound equipment rental, band t-shirts, our kind friends at Performance Rights Organizations, refreshments and other items directly related to band use on the day of the festival. The MG Board promises to be responsible with the money you give. Sometimes, when the $30 isn't received with a band application, Les' 4-year-old somehow manages to find it and draws with Crayons on it to where it's illegible. Not all the time though, just sometimes.