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20th Annual Ohio Renaissance Festival welcomes new acts and returning favorites

July 14, 2009. . Harveysburg, OH. . The Ohio Renaissance Festival offers nearly 100 live shows on eleven stages each day. Boasting unique entertainment, this year is no different as five new acts are welcomed for the 20th anniversary season to the already full schedule of events. For eight weekends, September 5th through October 25th, including Labor Day, visitors to the re-created 16th Century English village will be not only entertained but amazed and bewildered.

New this year!

Father Son and Friends take over the Aleing Knight Pub for rollicking good times. Traditional Celtic songs, pub songs, bagpipes and drums will keep your toes tapping and your hands clapping.

Swords, rope swings, gunfire and comedy burst from the decks of the 65-foot pirate ship as the pirates and the nobles present a somewhat famous play in 3-quarter acts during the **Pirate Comedy Stunt Show**.

Bedlam Girls will sing beautiful melodies in the village lanes.

Watch or join in as dancers perform English and Scottish country dances.

Shakespeare, Marlowe & Burbage will visit the village to perform miniature versions of famous plays we all know and love in the village lanes. Pause by for a brief one-act and enjoy the performance by these three renaissance men.

Returning Favorites

Daniel, Duke of Danger is no stranger to death-defying feats. He defies the laws of gravity each day balancing on unsupported ladders, a stack of rolling tubes, or only on his head. He might even do a little rope walking on special occasions.

Knights of Valour, featuring Shane Adams, a world champion in the sport of jousting from Canada, brings a vibrant, high-energy, action packed show to the festival. Knights clad in full armor will thrill audiences thrice daily at Tournament Jousts as they do battle to win Her Majesty's Favor. Rub elbows with Royalty as you cheer your favorite knight and steed on to victory!

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The Original Saffron Finch returns to dabble in hand made mayhem such as juggling and whip cracking. Don't miss the man who turns an otherwise ordinary task of making a boloney sandwich into a hilarious feat that will leave you in stitches as he makes a boloney sandwich with his feet. . .and does it the fastest in the world.

The Mudde Show returns with a unique blend of comedy and earth as these three men perform literary classics such as *Beowulf* and *Dante's Inferno* in the Olympic-sized Muditorium.

The Swordsmen offer sharp rapiers and even sharper wit as they teach what one needs to know in order to become a gentleman. A few lessons include the proper way to offer a kiss upon the hand and how to engage in dueling.

Enjoy these exciting attractions and more at the 2009 Ohio Renaissance Festival, September 5 through October 25, Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day. Open 10:30am to 6pm, rain or shine. Discount tickets are available at all Kroger stores or online at www.renfestival.com. The most affordable family adventure in your backyard!

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