OUTDOOR PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY

The Outdoor Performing Arts Facility at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is available for University events. The Facility is also available for use by non-University community groups when it is not being used for University events. The Facility is a huge white tent in a natural amphitheater. Seating is available for 2,000 under the canvas, and the special tent suspension system provides an unobstructed view for 15,000 to 17,000 persons seated on the gently rolling lawn. The permanent acoustical shell and stage deliver the performance sound to the audience with excellent balance and volume. Physical facilities include dressing rooms, food services, restrooms, box-offices and parking for 7,000 cars.

The Office of University Cultural Arts Services is responsible for: a) scheduling of the facility; b) operation of the facility for public events; c) assuring that the facility is in a ready-to-use condition (Physical Plant is responsible for the maintenance and renovation of the facility); and d) adherence to University policies and practices regarding the use of the facility. Requests should be addressed to the Office of University Cultural Arts Services, Campus Box 150, Phone: 692-2996.

The following policies govern the use of the facility.

a) All programs shall be consistent with the mission of the University.

b) All programs shall be contracted based upon their artistic, entertainment and social merit without consideration of their potential for excessive net profits.

c) Every effort shall be made in planning and presenting programs to assure patrons of a secure and pleasant performance environment.

d) Contemporary programming shall be limited to artists with an audience potential of approximately 15,000 to 17,000.

e) All safety and legal requirements appropriate to facility use shall be met.

f) A facility administration surcharge of $1.00 per admission price shall be charged against the users of the facility.

g) No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted for the purpose of sale, delivery, or consumption at the Outdoor Performing Arts Facility.