

Vern's Stage: Submission Checklist (2027)



Instructions: This **Checklist** is intended to help you prepare for your submission. The actual online form should be filled out by your band's contact person, who must finish this form in a single session. If you stop in the middle, your data may be lost. Make sure you've completed this **Checklist** before beginning the online submission process to ensure you have everything that you need.

* Required

SECTION ONE: General Band/Contact Information

1. What is your band's name? *
2. Where is your band based? *
3. What is your name? *
4. Will you act as contact person for your band? *
☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, stop here--the contact person must fill out this form!)
5. What is your email address? *
6. What is your phone number? (It's not likely that we'll need to call you, but in case we do...) *
7. List the members of your band by name (first and last), instrument(s) and vocal stack contribution (e.g., Bill Monroe: mandolin, lead/tenor; Earl Scruggs: banjo, lead/tenor/baritone; etc.): *
8. How would you describe your band's style of music? Be specific. *
9. I confirm that we are an established band in the Bluegrass or Old-time tradition, and that we have a history of performances together.
(Important: bands may not make personnel changes after acceptance and before the festival without permission from the Vern's Stage jury.)*
10. We understand that all sound engineering is taken care of by the festival sound crew and that, except for bassists, we cannot use our own microphones, amps, pickups, or any other electric devices. *

SECTION TWO: Gig/Scheduling Info

1. List the specific dates and locations of your band's 4-6 most recent gigs. (i.e., DATE/VENUE/CITY): *

2. Has your band played Vern's Stage before? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. If you answered "Yes" to #2 above, tell us when.

4. Have you or any of your bandmates played Vern's Stage before in a different band? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. If you answered "Yes" to #4 above, tell us who, which and when.

6. Are any of your band members in another band applying for Vern's Stage?

And/or is your band or any of its members applying for California Showcase or Main Stage for the upcoming festival?

If so, list the stage(s) and all band member(s) and all band(s) involved.

(We need to know this in advance in order to avoid any potential scheduling conflicts.) *

7. If you are applying under the Youth Band exemption (which allows bands with a majority of members under the age of 18 as of June 17, 2027 to submit and potentially appear in consecutive years), list the names and birthdates of the *youthful* members of your band:

8. Check all the slots your band will be available for during the festival (from June 17 to June 20, 2027). *

- ☐ Thursday afternoon
- ☐ Thursday evening
- ☐ Friday afternoon
- ☐ Friday evening
- ☐ Saturday afternoon
- ☐ Saturday evening
- ☐ Sunday afternoon

SECTION THREE: Band Links

1. Does your band have a website? If so, what's the URL?
2. Does your band have a Facebook page? If so, what's the URL?
3. Does your band have any other online presence(s) (e.g., Instagram, Twitter, etc.)? If so, what are the URLs?

SECTION FOUR: Media Upload

1. Copy/paste a biography of your band suitable for publication in the festival program (between 200 to 400 words). *

2. Copy/paste the URL of your band's demo video. Remember, the instructions ask for:

"a recently recorded (within the last 6 months) self-made video demo reel with 3 songs/tunes representative of the music your band would play on Vern's Stage. At the start of this video, we ask that you introduce the band, clearly state the date and your location, and then perform 3 pieces in a row without any cuts or edits. You will need to submit your recording as a YouTube or Dropbox (or similar) link. We expect cellphone or tablet quality and not professionally shot videos. Furthermore, we recommend recording your video demo in a quiet location (e.g., living room, backyard, etc.) for best results." *

3. In what venue & city and on what date was your demo video recorded?
NOTE: Be sure to answer all 3 items (venue, city, date). *

4. Your submission is not complete until you send an email to verns@duber.com with one (1) high-resolution band photo (jpeg format, 300dpi or higher, approximately 3" wide).

Be sure to include your band name in both the subject line AND body of your email. *Please do this last.*

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NOTE: When you have all this information ready to submit, please return to:

<https://californiabluegrass.org/cbaevent/fathers-day-festival/verns-stage/>