

**GREEN RIDER FOR ANCIENT GIANTS**

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**INSPIRATE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

“Inspirate is dedicated to producing and delivering culturally dynamic experiences to audiences across the country. Our work is artistically and operationally ambitious, spanning touring pieces, large outdoor/indoor festival sites and audience numbers, and requiring bursts of intensive energy consumption and materials. It is our responsibility to acknowledge and mitigate the impact our work has on the environment - locally, nationally and globally - and commit to reducing it in the ways laid out in our Environmental Responsibility Policy.”

Our key objectives are:

1. Education and Local Implementation
2. Artistic and Creative Leadership
3. Carbon Footprint Reduction
4. Waste Management
5. Local and Sustainable Sourcing
6. Sustainable Transportation
7. Infrastructure and Operations

In practice, a brief overview of these objectives in relation to the Ancient Giants tour, looks like:

- A commitment to local sourcing, not wasting resources and to recycling and reusing wherever possible
- Greening our back end/office (services, food, transport and equipment)
- Working to promote eco-friendly travel options and, in turn, to utilising greener travel methods for our cast and crew

This document details our GREEN RIDER requests from the presenting festival or promoter.

## **POWER/ENERGY**

We recognise that getting power to our shows when outdoors isn't always easy.

- Where possible, please provide us with mains electricity so that we can avoid running generators. Ideally you'll be working with a green energy provider (one which uses over 80% energy generated by wind/water/solar power).
- We need to recharge kit and batteries between shows so please make sure that a charging area is secure and available to us.
- If you have local solar power facilities or other 'alternative' energy sources we'd love to hear about them and will do as much as possible (bringing appropriate cables etc) to make sure we can use them.
- For a green room or dressing room, any fridges, kettles, toasters, lights etc. in dressing rooms to be energy efficient insofar as possible (but don't buy anything new just for us – just keep it in mind for your next replacement). Please use environmentally friendly and non-toxic cleaning products if you have a venue.

## **TRAVEL**

- In communication with the promoter, we would prefer that our company travels by public transport (train or bus), even though this might not always be the cheapest or fastest option for the presenting festival. We aim to car/van share where possible.
- We aim to use trains, buses (or shared journeys in vans) when possible.
- If the promoter is purchasing travel in advance for the company, please look into alternatives for flights like train / van. If your city/town has an environmentally friendly cab service (for example, Green Tomato Cars in London), please book any vehicles for us through them. Otherwise request fuel-efficient and/or hybrid cars.
- We'd love your festival to make information available to audience members about public transport, cycling, and car sharing options and promote these wherever possible and we'd encourage you to have parking for bicycles marked on site maps.
- If we agree on the necessity of a flight, please make sure to add carbon compensation. Carbon offsetting does not reduce emissions at the source and purchasing offsets should be a last resort, after other measures to reduce or avoid emissions have been explored.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

- If you are booking accommodation for us, ideally we'd be walking distance from the performance site. We would prefer to be as near to the performance site as possible or be near to easy and regular public transport. If it's not possible to be near the venue, please ensure that we can park near the venue so that we can van share with one vehicle.
- The main goals for the accommodation should be energy neutral or positive, reuse and/or upscale "waste" and the wellbeing of the accommodation staff.

**WATER, FOOD & DRINK**

- Refillable water stations should be available in dressing room locations for our team to use and reduce the need for purchasing single use plastics.
- We bring our own refillable water bottles. Please make sure that drinkable tap water, filtered mains water (or standpipes or bulk water dispensers) are available to our company and crew at all times for refilling.
- We request that you provide clearly labelled recycling facilities backstage and in all dressing rooms for paper, cans, plastic and glass and if your venue collects biodegradable waste/compost, please also provide bins for this in dressing/green rooms.
- In case of a buy-out/issue of per diems, it'd be really helpful if you could compile a list of supermarkets and / or vegetarian / vegan / organic restaurants within walking distance of the venue.
- We prefer clean, reusable items, no single use plastics, straws or plastic cups - we're really happy to wash up after ourselves.
- Please make sure to double check before purchasing food to avoid unnecessary buys. In case of edible leftovers, please donate them to a local charity or share them with the crew/audience.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Please send us a copy of your venue/festival/event's environmental policy if you have one and let us know if there's anything we can do to support your efforts while we're with you.
- If you disagree with a request, or if you feel you are unable to deliver it, we ask simply that you contact us and we can find a solution together. If you've any suggestions for us, we'd love to hear them.