

INSPIRATIONS 2022

INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES

PART A

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE EVENT

As well as following all Government and venue guidelines we will be implementing many safety measures that we ask all attendees to follow.

All the procedures that we are putting in place are designed to protect attendees, guests & staff members and make it the safest possible event that we can.

All measures will be reviewed constantly and all protocols that we have in place are subject to change as the event draws closer. You are advised to check back on this page before the event.

PROOF OF VACCINATION

All attendees must show evidence of being **fully** vaccinated against Covid-19 at Registration and that evidence will be checked at a COVID check in desk, situated in the Registration area, before you receive your lanyard and badge.

a) What proof will I need to bring?

If you are a resident of England the NHS Covid Pass (on the free NHS app) keeps a record of vaccinations and tests for you and is simple to download. Please show this at the desk.

Proof of vaccination certificates/passports for international attendees – please show your equivalent to the NHS Covid Pass from your country of origin.

Proof of vaccination status and test results can also be demonstrated via the EU Digital Covid Certificate.

If you do not have a smart phone or device to download the NHS app you can view your Covid vaccination status online and download and print this to bring with you. You can also call 119 to request a letter to show your proof of vaccination status. This may take up to five days.

Remember if you are travelling to the Event from another country check on the www.gov.uk website for guidance as to the requirements and what you need to do before you travel home.

b) I did not want to have a vaccination, can I still come to Inspirations?

Sorry, No.

REFUSAL ON NON-MEDICAL GROUNDS TO HAVE A VACCINATION IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY MEANS THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

We make no apologies for this rule. We are protecting the majority of attendees who will be attending.

c) I could not have a vaccination due to health reasons, can I come?

If you haven't had a vaccination **for health reasons:-**

You must provide a letter from a medical professional certifying that you were unable to be vaccinated to show at the covid desk.

You must do a lateral flow test with a member of our staff at the covid desk prior to registration and receive a negative result. You will be asked to do one every morning at the event and bring your result to the covid desk before the hall opens to get an authorisation card which will allow you into the hall etc.

PROOF OF NEGATIVE LATERAL FLOW TEST – all attendees

On arrival at the pre-Reg Covid desk, you will also, alongside your vaccination status proof, be required to show a negative result from a Lateral Flow test* performed on that date.

We also ask all attendees to do a lateral flow test each day before coming down to the Convention areas. We will not be checking these (unless you are non-vaccinated) but we trust that each and every person will be sensible and considerate in doing this.

We will not be able to provide these tests, you must bring your own.

1. Where do I get a Covid Test kit?

For UK residents boxes of lateral flow tests can be ordered from your health provider online prior to attending and we recommend all attendees bring a supply of their own with them so that they can test themselves daily and as necessary. It is worth obtaining these sooner rather than later.

*For international residents please obtain home testing kits from your normal pharmacy or supplier.

If you have never done a test before we highly recommend having a go prior to coming as it will make you less stressed doing it at the event.

For UK attendees:-

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

If you feel unwell prior to any activities at the event, take a lateral flow test.

If you test positive you must not come down to the convention areas from your room and report your result to the relevant Government authority and follow the instructions you will be given.

FACE COVERINGS/MASKS

1. Do I have to wear a mask at “Inspirations”?

Whilst currently it is not mandatory to wear masks in the UK we are asking all attendees to wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth while in all the convention areas.

You **will** be required to wear a mask while waiting for photos and autographs.

You are asked to wear masks at the talks in the main hall. You should remove your mask when you ask a question at the microphone.

2. I cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.

Those who are unable, for medical reasons, to wear a mask please ensure that you wear a lanyard stating that you cannot (these lanyards are easily obtainable on Amazon). Face visors might be an idea if you cannot wear the mask in case someone sneezes in your direction or coughs.

If you can wear a mask then please do, not only for your own safety but out of respect for your fellow attendees.

3. Will I have to wear a face mask at the night time party on Saturday?

Yes. However, we will be making this a truly “masked ball” event so that people can dress up their masks, wear costumes and make it fun. There will be a prize for the most original mask.

4. I am hearing impaired and will find it difficult to understand people on stage or staff if they are wearing a mask. How can you help?

We know that there will be a number of people at the event who have hearing difficulties of varying degrees, and we are mindful of the barrier that face coverings can be for those who need to read lips. Therefore, in order to assist our hearing-impaired visitors, we will have badges available at registration which will indicate that the wearer is a lip reader and requests those speaking to them lower their face covering if they are comfortable doing so.

The staff will have access to clear fronted face coverings and Amanda, Suanne, Becky, Julia and Rebecca will not wear face coverings when they are on the stage itself.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

1. How will I know who wants to hug and who wants/needs to keep a distance among my fellow attendees?

We ask all attendees to respect others while at the event.

In order to make life easier for everyone in regard to touch and social distancing we will be handing out free coloured pin badges at Registration. These act as a social contact traffic light system which is now being used at events around the world.

Red will mean you do not wish to be touched/hugged etc and would rather others keep a distance.

Orange will mean that you are open to social interaction such as elbow bumps etc but not hugging.

Green means that you are comfortable with hugs and handshakes.

Please do respect these. You may not know what someone is going through, such as being immunocompromised etc and respect is key.

One badge per attendee to be chosen on the day at Registration.

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

1. I want to hug Amanda when I see her at my photo slot.

We are sorry but during Amanda's photo session there is to be **absolutely no hugging/kissing etc.** I'm sure everyone understands that hugging 200 plus people would be a huge risk and we are not prepared to put her in that situation.

The photo will be taken in a manner which will lessen risk to everyone. No decision has been taken as to exactly how but positions and/or seating will be marked out and will be decided much closer to the event.

We know this is difficult for everyone as Amanda loves hugging her fans as much as you love hugging her, but please think of her and of yourselves. She is interacting with over 200 people, not just you. We have tried to make the photo session as fan friendly as possible and, unlike with some other events, we are not putting a clear Perspex screen between you and Amanda or asking you to stand ten feet apart. This will be as personal as we can get it in the foreseeable Covid climate.

2. Will I have to wear my mask during the actual photo?

Based on our current thoughts we are hoping that masks will not be needed during the actual photo but will revisit this nearer the time and make a final decision.

3. Can I take part in a group shot?

There will be no group photos allowed. Single shots only.

4. Do I have to use hand sanitiser before my photo and what if I am allergic to commercial sanitisers?

Hand sanitiser will be situated at the end of the queue just before you go forward for your photo and we will ask you to use it. If you are sensitive to normal hand sanitiser, please bring your own and apply it at the end of the queue in front of Elaine, the room captain.

Additionally, as always, Gabit will be supplying each attendee with a “catch it, bin it, kill it” kit in your event bag. A small bottle of sanitiser is included in this.

HAND SANITISERS

There will be hand sanitiser stations around the venue. Please make regular use of these. If you are sensitive to these and wish to bring your own, please keep it with you at all times. Please let a steward or staff member know if any sanitiser is empty. Wash your hands as much as you can.

Use the sanitiser which is given to you as part of your event bag contents. (see above)

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS

1. What precautions will you be putting in place for the autograph sessions?

For the guests' autograph sessions there will be a clear acrylic screen in front of the table where the guest and guest services member are sitting. There will be a gap for you to pass what you would like to have signed to the guest services member. We will not be allowing you to provide your own pens etc for the signature from a hygiene point of view. Again, a hand sanitiser will be provided just as you approach the table and you will be required to use it or your own sanitiser.

No gifts of any sort to be handed in. We have a strict “no gift policy”.

COCKTAIL PARTY

1. I have a ticket for the Cocktail party. Are there specific requirements for this Covid wise?

Your negative lateral flow test done that morning plus vaccination status will satisfy our requirements. This will mean that people can sit around a table at the party knowing that everyone has had a negative test that day. This is not fool proof but goes some way to giving the people at the cocktail party some peace of mind.

2. Do I need to wear a mask during the Cocktail party at any point?

As this is a dinner you do not need to wear a mask unless you would feel more comfortable doing so between eating.

CHARITY TEA WITH AMANDA

All winners will be asked to take a lateral flow test in front of the guest services staff member accompanying them before they go to the tea, and have a negative result. We will have lateral flow tests available for this. No entry to the tea without this test.

STAFF COVID TESTING

All members of the G4 and staff will take a lateral flow test each morning.

IN SUMMARY WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU COME TO SAFEGUARD YOURSELF AND OTHERS

1. Get a box of lateral flow testing kits for Covid-19
2. Ensure that you have proof of vaccination with you and also bring documented proof of a negative lateral flow test performed on the day of registration, ie the 8th April 2022.
3. If you are unvaccinated for health reasons, please come armed with a letter certifying that this is the case and a lateral flow test kit to do a test at the “testing table” prior to registration and two more on each of the mornings of the Event.
4. If you are not prepared to be vaccinated against Covid-19 for any other reason other than medical as in (3) we regret that we cannot admit you to our event
5. Test daily before coming down to the event rooms
6. If any lateral flow test is positive do not come to the event and follow government guidance
7. Wear a mask where you are asked to unless exempt, in which case wear a lanyard
8. Take notice of the traffic light system badges
9. Follow the instructions from the Senior Stewards and Room captains
10. Sanitise and or wash your hands frequently
11. Respect people’s space
12. Do not hug the guests!

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PART B

EVENT FAQ

Terms and Conditions

- Admission to Inspirations is at ticket holder's risk. The organisers shall not be liable for any loss, injury, illness or damage sustained while attending the event.
- All tickets are non-refundable.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission
- All ticket holders consent to filming and sound recording as members of the audience.
- No unauthorised filming or sound recording. Any breach will lead to temporary confiscation of equipment.
- The organisers reserve the right to make any changes whatsoever to the event owing to unforeseen or unavoidable cause
- Amanda Tapping and Suanne Braun appear subject to work commitments
- No admission if you are unable to show proof of being fully vaccinated against Covid-19 plus a validated proof of negative Covid test performed within 24 hours of the event, or bring a letter of medical exemption and perform a lateral flow test at Registration which is negative on each morning of the Event.

WHEN AND WHERE IS INSPIRATIONS 2022 BEING HELD?

INSPIRATIONS 2022 will take place next year, 8th – 10th April 2022 at the Renaissance Hotel, London Heathrow.

HOW MUCH DOES A TICKET TO INSPIRATIONS COST?

We will be opening general ticket sales again in December 2021 for a small number of remaining tickets which are available. All those who are already on our waiting list will be offered tickets first.

Weekend tickets cost £255.00 per person inclusive of a professional photograph with Amanda, two in-person autographs with Amanda, a reserved numbered seat in the main hall for the four Q & As, charity auction hosted by Amanda and Suanne and all other hall events, a chance to enter a raffle for tea with Amanda on the Saturday afternoon, access to the Charity fundraising room and entry to the Saturday night party.

The ticket also includes one in person autograph with Suanne Braun.

The price of the ticket does not include your accommodation, subsistence or travel/ parking.

New ticket sales –

All hall seating will be done in ticket purchase order. If you wish to sit with others, you must all register as a single group. You will be given the option to pay separately once tickets are allocated. We are not able to further link groups of people in the main hall. The maximum group size is 4.

GABIT EVENTS does NOT accept credit or debit card payments for tickets. You will be required to send either a UK cheque in pounds sterling drawn on a UK bank, or send a direct transfer. Attendees are responsible for all fees incurred during the transfer process.

Sorry, but we do not accept Pay pal for ticket sales, only pre-event merchandise sales.

WHAT IF MY PAYMENT GETS TO YOU SHORT?

If you send your transfer and we do not receive the required amount we will contact you to let you know and inform you how this should be paid. It is unfortunately very common for a £6 fee to be deducted even if you specify that you as the sender should pay all the fees, in these cases, you will be asked to pay it at registration. There is no need to send a second small transfer.

HOW MUCH WILL A TICKET FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY WITH AMANDA COST (CHARMED PASS UPGRADES)?

The Cocktail party is sold out and there is a current waiting list. We are not adding anyone else to this waiting list.

If you find that you cannot attend the cocktail party, please contact us. We will pass your details to someone on the waiting list. No transfers allowed after February 14th 2022.

WHEN MAY I BOOK MY ACCOMMODATION?

We have negotiated a special rate for attendees at the Renaissance Hotel.

The booking code is being sent out shortly to all ticket holders by email. (November 2021).

Please use the code you are given and do not post it on forums or anywhere else. Anyone who has a ticket will be given the code and room rates.

CAN I GET A REFUND IF I AM NO LONGER ABLE TO ATTEND INSPIRATIONS?

No, all tickets are non-refundable.

Moreover, no transfers of cocktail party tickets will be permitted after 14TH February 2022. Last minute transfers generate huge amounts of administration issues for the team. If you discover after the 14th February 2022 that you cannot use your ticket, you will not be able to sell or transfer it to anyone. This may sound harsh but in the past too many people have left it to the last minute and the subsequent administrative workload caused by this is unacceptable, at a time when the entire Gabit team are concentrating on the lead into the Event.

SPECIAL GUEST – SUANNE BRAUN

1. Amanda's guest, Suanne, will be attending on the Saturday only.
2. She will not be taking part in a photograph session but will be holding autograph sessions throughout the day while Amanda is doing photos. Stewards will direct you to her desk when it is your turn after your photograph with Amanda.
3. These autograph sessions are free but Suanne will be selling a selection of her own photographs for signature. These can be paid for at her desk.

4. As with Amanda's autograph session there will be a clear acrylic screen in front of Suanne during the autographs and use of hand sanitiser just before you approach the table.
5. Suanne will be joining Amanda on stage in the afternoon for a joint Q&A and will be co-hosting the auction.

DISABILITY ACCESS POLICY

GABIT Events Ltd is committed to ensuring that a high level of customer service is provided for all disabled users. GABIT entirely supports the fair treatment of attendees, guests and staff with disabilities and is also committed to promoting the interests of those people with special needs. Please help us by letting us know on your registration form if you have any special needs.

Service dogs and service dogs in training will be present throughout the event.

I WANT TO DONATE SOMETHING TO HELP WITH FUNDRAISING AT INSPIRATIONS

Amanda's fandom is extremely generous and we welcome donations of fan memorabilia, signed items etc to our fundraising efforts. It is the generosity of the fans which help to make the auctions and fund-raising activities so successful in raising money for such worthwhile causes. Please contact us to check if an item is suitable. We regret that we cannot receive items through the mail or by courier, only in person or via an attendee.

Gabit Events warrants that 100% of monies raised at the CHARITY auction and through CHARITY fund raising activities at INSPIRATIONS will go directly to the charities. No administration costs are ever taken by GABIT Events in connection with any of our fundraising activities.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INSPIRATIONS?

Please, in the first instance, check the Event FAQ above. If you don't find what you are looking for, please e-mail [asktheG4 @gabitevents.co.uk](mailto:asktheG4@gabitevents.co.uk) and someone will respond to you within 48 hours.

Please do not use PM systems on forums or DM systems on Twitter, or e-mail individual directors or staff members with general questions as this makes it very difficult for you to get the correct information quickly. The above e-mail is monitored by more than one person so you will get the right response from the right person.

The Gabit Forum on our website has members who are very happy to advise or help anyone with any questions about our Events. A lot of our Senior Stewards, Stewards and Staff frequent the threads there so do go on over and make yourself known. Amanda's fandom is one of the friendliest fandoms that there is. By the time you get to INSPIRATIONS you will most probably have made some online friends to meet in real life!

SITE FAQ

If details of "INSPIRATIONS" are found at other internet locations, GABIT Events warrants that it has not passed images of any guest for use at that location nor asked for any images to be used. The only exception to this is Amanda Tapping's official web site which has permission to host exclusive GABIT images.

Any images that may be used in association with news of any of our events are assumed to be in the ownership of that site owner and hence are their responsibility and GABIT Events cannot be held responsible for any breaches of copyright.

PLEASE NOTE:-

Amanda Tapping and Suanne Braun appear subject to work commitments and Gabit Events Ltd accepts no liability for any costs incurred as a result of any cancellation, non-appearance or postponement.

We reserve the right to refuse to sell a ticket to any person who we feel would disrupt the Event or cause discomfort to a guest or member of staff in any way. Gabit Events Ltd reserves the right to refuse entry to any of their events.

And finally....

We at Gabit all appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we continue to work to deliver the event you all deserve. We have been humbled, amazed and our hearts have been filled by your generosity, love and friendship over the past 16 years.

However, due to the issues that the Event Industry has suffered in the last two years as a result of the pandemic, and the effect it has had on Gabit, it is extremely likely that this will be the last event that we will run.

So, let's make Inspirations 2022 the BEST event we have ever held.