

# ONTARIO COUNTY FAIR'S TALENT CONTEST

## Mini and Talent Hunt

DATE: Friday July 29th, starting @5 pm



### RULES

1. Age limits are: Maxi Talent - 13 years of age and over. Mini Talent - 12 years of age and under. (age of each contestant as of 9/1/14). The NYS Fair talent will accept up to, but no more than the top 25 mini, and up to, but no more than, the Top 25 Talent Hunt acts from county level preliminary talent competitions. The 50% rule will be strictly adhered to concerning groups - in a duo, if one contestant is 12 and the other is 13 am they will compete in the Maxi Division. In a group of three or larger if 50% or more of the group and over they will compete in the Maxi Division. No contestant over the age of 14 may perform in a mini division group.
2. Time limit for each act must not exceed five (5) minutes. Any act running over 5 minutes will be disqualified.
3. No acts using batons or machetes, knives, etc., will be accepted.
4. No fire will be allowed on stage during the competition.
5. Contestants must not be/have been under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money should not be considered reimbursement for performance.
6. To be eligible for the New York State Fair Talent Showcase, contestants must have performed AND Placed in the top 25 in the Ontario County Fair Talent Show.
7. Contestants must be from Ontario County and surrounding counties.
8. Contestants may enter only one county competitor, to be eligible to perform in the NYS Fair Talent Showcase competition.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** In a group situation, if all performers do not reside in the same county, the group must compete in the county that the majority of performers reside. Age requirements for groups as outlined in rule number one (1) above, are also in effect.

- \*8. Contestants must perform the same act and / or same number they did at the County Level if they go on to State.
- \*9. A contestant can perform only ONE (1) solo and as a member of only TWO (2) other groups. If this rule is violated, the contestant and the group will be disqualified.
- \*10. New York State Fair MINI CONTEST - The daily top 10 place winners will be eligible to enter the Semi-Final Mini Contest at the N.Y. State Fair Talent Contest, date and time to be announced.
- \*11. New York State Fair MAXI CONTEST - The daily top 10 place winners will be eligible to enter the Semi-Final Talent Contest at the N.Y. State Fair Talent Contest, date and time to be announced.
- \*12. The top 25 place winners from the New York State Fair Semi-Final Mini Contest and the top25 MAXI place winners from the New York State Fair Semi-Final Talent Contest will be eligible to enter the FINAL COMPETITION, Contest at the State Fair Talent Contest, date and time to be announced.
- \*13. Previous FIRST PLACE MINI and MAXI CONTEST WINNERS are not eligible to enter the Finals in the same category, e.g. a solo winner may not return as a soloist. He or she may, however, perform as part of a duet, trio, or group.
- 14. Teachers are not permitted to compete or perform in their professional talent, e.g. a dance teacher could not compete as a dancer. This rule does not apply to students under scholarship who assist in teaching.
- 15. Contestants using recordings for their performance must deliver a cassette in "New Condition" to the registration desk. Cassettes should be labeled "STEREO" or "MONO" and have the name of your act on it. The cassette or cd must only contain the selection to be performed.
- 16. No piano at the local level there is one at the State Fair level. Sound system will be provided at each.
- 17. rock band contest. No Rock Bands will be scheduled.
- 18. Transportation to and from the Fair ... meals and lodging are the responsibility of the contestant.
- 19. There is no entry fee of any kind.
- 20. The decision of the judges will be final.
- 21. Dressing area limited at the local level might want to come dressed but available at the State Level.

\* Pertains to NYS Fair Talent Showcase only.

The following score card will be used:

- 1. Stage Presence ..... 15 points
  - a. Personal appearance ..... 5 points
  - b. Poise ..... 10 points
- 2. Talent ..... 55 points
  - a. Skill of presentation ..... 25 points
  - b. Quality of number ..... 15 points
  - c. Presentation ..... 15 points
- 3. Interpretation ..... 20 points
  - a. Appropriateness of production ..... 10 points
  - b. Originality of portrayal ..... 10 points
- 4. Audience Appeal ..... 10 points
  - a. Attentiveness of audience ..... 5 points
  - b. Audience applause ..... 5 points

**PRIZES AND AWARDS**

Contestants will compete in one or more of the following age groups 12 yrs. all, under or 13 yrs. and over.

	Age 12 and under		Age 13 and over	
A	1st Place	\$15.00	1st Place	\$15.00
Vocal	2nd Place	10.00	2nd Place	10.00
Numbers	3rd Place	5.00	3rd Place	5.00
B	1st Place	15.00	1st Place	15.00
Instrumental	2nd Place	10.00	2nd Place	10.00
Numbers	3rd Place	5.00	3rd Place	5.00
C	1st Place	15.00	1st Place	15.00
Variety	2nd Place	10.00	2nd Place	10.00
Numbers	3rd Place	5.00	3rd Place	5.00
	4th Place	5.00	4th Place	5.00
	5th Place	5.00	5th Place	5.00

**BEST OF SHOW TROPHY**  
Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> places

There is no entry fee, but paying for parking at admittance to the fairgrounds is expected. Parking is \$8.00 per car load, or \$5.00 per singles in car, and motorcycles, and walk-in's.

The Ontario County Fair Board reserves the right to fit you in the category that we feel best fits the program and if necessary may limit the number of acts.

**Please mail entry form to: Ontario County Fair**  
**Po Box 324**  
**Canandaigua NY 14424**

**Ontario County Fair Talent Contest Entry Form**

Age category you are entering (check one):

\_\_\_\_(50% of participants 13 and over)      \_\_\_\_ (50% of participants 12 and under)

If your group does not fit neatly into either category then please list participants names and birthdates at the end of this form.

1. Name & Mailing Address: (Please fill this out completely – if a group pick one member to be the contact)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of the act, as it is to be announced:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Check the **ONE** below which BEST describes your act:

\_\_\_\_\_ Band entering Battle of the band  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ballet      \_\_\_\_\_ dance Group      \_\_\_\_\_ Solo( instrument)      \_\_\_\_\_ Magic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal w/Guitar      \_\_\_\_\_ Vocal w/cd      \_\_\_\_\_ vocal  
w/tape  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal w/keyboard you bring      \_\_\_\_\_ keyboard solo you bring      \_\_\_\_\_ Variety solo  
\_\_\_\_\_ ventriloquist      \_\_\_\_\_ dance solo(list type)      \_\_\_\_\_ variety group  
\_\_\_\_\_ acrobatic      \_\_\_\_\_ jazz      \_\_\_\_\_ tap      \_\_\_\_\_ novelty  
\_\_\_\_\_ Group Other      \_\_\_\_\_ Single Other

Name music style that best describes you - If you picked Other, please describe

\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be using recorded music \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no      \_\_\_\_Cd \_\_\_\_tape

Please give a short description of your act – are you a band with a singer, singers with no music (a capella), what instruments are you using. If you are not a singing/instrumental category what is the talent you are showing us.

Number of performers: total #: \_\_\_\_\_

(12 and under): \_\_\_\_\_ (13 and over): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of members in your group: (list birthdate also if your ages are 12 & 13)

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