



ADULT TALENT CONTEST PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Thursday, July 29, 2010 at Park Stage in Heritage Park
5:30 pm Check-in 6:00 pm Competition begins
Registration – June 1 through July 2
Participation Notification – July 9

RULES AND REGULATIONS / ORGANIZATION OF CONTEST

1. All contestants in the Adult Talent Contest must be an adult, 18 years of age or older.
2. Entries will be accepted in the following categories:
 - (A) Vocal Solo (female or male) / Vocal Group
 - (B) Instrumental Solo / Group
 - (C) Novelty Solo / Novelty Group

The following descriptions are to be used as guidelines and are subject to the interpretation of the coordinators of the Adult Talent Contest:

A. Vocal Solo (female or male)

Shall consist of a solo performance by a vocalist. Instrumental accompaniment by herself/himself or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal. If the composition is written by performer and he/she wishes this to be judged as part of the act, it will be placed in the Novelty Division.

Vocal Group

Shall consist of a performance by two or more male and/or female performers. Instrumental accompaniment by themselves or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal. If the composition is written by performer and he/she wishes this to be judged as part of the act, it will be placed in the Novelty Division.

B. Instrumental Solo / Group

Shall consist of a solo or group instrumental performance by a male or female without vocal utterance. Accompaniment is allowed, but must assume pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment. If the composition is written by performer and he/she wishes this to be judged as part of the act, it will be placed in the Novelty Division.

C. Novelty Solo / Group

Shall consist of a solo or group performance by a male or female in any act that has not been previously described (such as comedians, mimes, skits, magicians, etc.). This category will include acts using a combination of skills from two different categories where one skill does not stand alone (such as singing and dancing, playing an instrument and singing, lip-synching and dancing, and the use of props).

3. The Coordinators of the Adult Talent Contest reserve the right to assign acts to what they determine to be the proper categories. Any questions shall be resolved by the Coordinators of the Adult Talent Contest and their decision is final.
4. All acts shall be of quality nature. Any lewd, cursing or otherwise inappropriate acts will be immediately disqualified. All decisions by the judges and/or coordinators of the Adult Talent Contest are final.

ENTRIES

1. The Elkhart County 4-H Fair Adult Talent Contest is open to nonprofessionals only. "Professional" is defined as anyone who is a union member, who has a professional manager, or whose principal and/or self-supporting income is derived from performing.
2. Every contestant in the Adult Talent Contest must be an Elkhart County resident. The only exception: A contestant may reside in an adjoining Indiana county if the majority of his/her activities are in Elkhart County.
3. A contestant may have one entry in as many as two categories of competition at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Adult Talent Contest.
4. A limited number of entries in each category are available. All entries are taken on a first come first served basis. Advanced registration is required.
5. No fire will be allowed on the stage. Any attempt to circumvent this rule shall result in disqualification.
6. All acts will use only the lighting system provided by the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.
7. All acts will use only the sound system and sound operator provided by the Elkhart County 4-H Fair; however instrumentalists may bring their own amplifiers, if needed. All music must be on cassette tape or CD, cued, labeled with the act's name and address and brought to registration of the Adult Talent Contest the day of the competition.
8. Any recorded accompaniment for any act entered in any vocal category must be purely instrumental, except those entered in Novelty Solo and Novelty Group.
9. Only the performers will be allowed on stage. (Exception - accompanists)
10. Only one person other than the performer(s) visible on stage will be allowed backstage with each act.

JUDGING

1. A panel of three or more judges will serve as the judges during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Adult Talent Contest.
2. Scoring will be based on the following criteria:
 - ✓ Personality (confidence, smile, stage presence) – 10 points possible
 - ✓ Execution & Originality (body lines, correct technique, balance, projection) – 10 points possible
 - ✓ Rhythm & Poise (timing, style, musical range (if applicable), selection) – 10 points possible
 - ✓ Appearance (appropriateness, costume (if applicable), fit) – 10 points possible

AWARDS

Adult Talent Contest Awards

First Place – \$100.00

Second Place – \$50.00

Third Place – \$30.00

Please call Jill Garris at (574) 612-1337 with questions.



**Elkhart County 4-H Fair
Adult Talent Contest Entry Form**

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Select one category & circle either Solo / Group performance

_____Vocal Solo (female OR male) / Vocal Group

_____Instrumental Solo / Group

_____Novelty Solo / Novelty Group



Name(s) of Participant(s):

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please circle the best method of contacting you: Phone E-Mail

If you circled "phone", what time is best to reach you? ____ am ____pm

I agree to follow the rules and guidelines for the Adult Talent Contest

Signature _____

Should you have questions, please call Jill Garris at (574) 612-1337.

ADULT TALENT CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Thursday, July 29, 2010 6:00 – 8:00 PM

PLEASE PRINT

Name of act _____
(as you wish it to appear in the program)

Musical selection to be performed _____

Description of act _____

Equipment needs

Will be bringing CD Yes No

Check **ALL** that apply:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> table | <input type="checkbox"/> microphone with stand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chair | <input type="checkbox"/> hand-held microphone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> keyboard | <input type="checkbox"/> extension cord |

Other: _____

Special Requirements (i.e. Requires assistance, etc.) _____

If in the "group" category, please name one person in charge of act _____

Please provide any details or background information about yourself or your group that you may want to have mentioned during your stage introduction. This could include (but is not limited to) the following:

How long have you been performing? _____

How did you first become interested in performing? _____

What are some of your hobbies besides the talent that you'll share during the talent contest? _____

Have you ever given/taken musical lessons of any sort? _____ If so, what type? _____

There are so many songs to perform! What led you to select the one you'll perform during the contest? _____

Is there anything else you wish to share or have announced as you take the stage or before you begin your performance at the talent contest? _____

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Adult Talent Contest! We appreciate you sharing your time and talent with all of us.

Registration Deadline: July 2, 2010
Notification: July 9, 2010

Return entry to:
Elkhart County 4-H Fair Office
ATTN: Jill Garris
17746 CR 34
Goshen, IN 46528
574-533-3247

_____ I grant my permission for my act to be photographed and/or videotaped.

Signed _____