

DEPT. 20A – TALENT COMPETITION COLUMBIA COUNTY'S GOT TALENT

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
PO Box 257, Chatham, NY 12037
518-392-2121

Sponsored by Kneller Insurance Agency

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Entries must be received by August 20, 2021, either by mail or delivery in person to the Fair office.
There is **no entry fee** for the Talent Competition.
Contestants must pay admission into the fair unless you are 12 and under.

Awards:

Each Division: Adult – Teen - Junior

First Place: Trophy & \$100.00
Second Place: Ribbon & \$75.00
Third Place: Ribbon & \$50.00

Competing Divisions are:

- Adult (age 20 years +)
- Teen (age 13 – 19 years)
- Junior (age 12 years and under)
- All divisions will compete in the qualifying rounds in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 2nd

The top 6 performers of each division will move forward to finals.

Finals will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7 PM

Eligibility:

- Individual contestants must be Columbia County residents, or live in a neighboring county that does not currently have a talent competition at their county fair
- The ensemble will compete in the division into which most of its members belong, or if equally divided will compete in the older division.
- Contestants must be prepared to produce proof of age at any time during the contest.
- Contestants cannot use weapons, fire, or pets in their acts.

Contestants must be amateurs. They must not have been under contract for reimbursement for performance at the Fair, and not be professionals or union members

Contestants may enter in multiple performances, but may only be considered to win in one division.

Performers using pre-recorded music must provide the music to our DJ at least 7 days prior to the competition. This music may be on nearly any electronic device, CD or may be emailed to the DJ at ebluedj@aol.com. For vocalists, your accompaniment selection must not include any vocals, except for “back-up” vocals. Singers who sing-a-long with other vocalists are not allowed to compete at the state level and therefore cannot be judged at the local level. Once music is accepted by the DJ your selection may not be changed.

- Performances should not be longer than 5 minutes.
- Performances which require large stage spaces or more than 3 to 4 minutes of set up time cannot be accommodated. Our available performance space is approximately 24' X 24'. The stage is about 30" high and reached by a small set of steps. We will provide a sound system with microphone(s) and stands and we can accommodate one electronic device (for instruments, etc.).
- **If selected to go to Finals, your performance and appearance is to be exactly the same as in the qualifying round.**
- Each contestant will be asked to sign a photo release, in the event that the Fair wants to utilize your photo in future advertising.

Judges notes will be shared with the contestants who provide a valid email address or SSAE. The results will be sent within 30 days of the contest.

Once your application has been received, each contestant will be contacted to be given the specific information regarding your act, to review the rules of the competition and to discuss the chosen method of getting your music to the DJ (see “Additional Information” for more details).

Awards will be presented at the Finals. The finalists will be competing for the Marilyn Barry Memorial Award which will be presented, along with 2 runners up in each division, as soon as the judges complete their deliberation following the final competition.

All prize winners will be eligible to compete at the NYS Fair in Syracuse. Columbia County winners will be scheduled immediately by the State Contest Coordinator in order to compete as early as Friday, **September 3rd, 2021**. State contestants will be responsible for their own transportation and expenses. Contest details for the state fair competition can be viewed on line at www.nysfair.org

DEPT. 20A – TALENT COMPETITION OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Division (Check One)

- Adult (20 yrs. +)
 Teen (13-19 yrs.)
 Junior (12 yrs. and under)

NAME: _____
Age (as of 9/2/2021)

ADDRESS: _____
Street City, Zip

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

**IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE PERFORMERS IN YOUR ACT,
WE WILL NEED THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON EACH PERFORMER**
(You may attach additional pages)

Contact Person & Phone (if different than performer – i.e. Parent if entrant is child) _____
#number of performers _____

TYPE OF PERFORMANCE (vocal, dance, instrumental, etc.) _____

NAME OF MUSICAL SELECTION _____

Consent Form:

Date _____

I _____ (print name) give permission to the Columbia County Agricultural Society, Inc. to take my picture for publicity reasons, from the Talent contest.

Signature
Under 18 years of age, Parent's signature

Fair Signature

BRIEF DISCRPTION OF ACT _____

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED REGARDING YOUR TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to the performers at the Columbia County Fair. But the board shall not be responsible for the loss of equipment in the case of fire, theft, loss or damage from any other cause; and the Society will not assume any liability for personal injury sustained either by the performers or guests.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 20, 2021

**MAIL TO: Columbia County Agricultural Society
Talent Competition
PO Box 257
Chatham, NY 12037**

For complete rules & regulations, visit www.columbiafair.com