

Celebrate Midland Magic Festival

The Magic Returns . . . Sat & Sun October 3-4, 2009

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Marvin's Star Search Talent Show 2009

Rules and Guidelines

(Please note that below the "OC" refers to the Festival Organizing Committee)

1. Performances are divided into 3 groups: Youth (up to age 13), Teen (age 13-19) and Adult (age 18 and over). If a group of 2 or more, chose the age group most appropriate. Ex: A mother and 13 year old daughter duet may be in 1 of the 3 categories.
2. The Show will be held in the Side Bay of the Fire Dept. The Youth and Teen Shows will be held on Saturday, Adult Show will be held on Sunday. See Festival Schedule of Events for times.
3. Performances for 2009 can be singing, standup (comic, magic) or instrumental performance. Dance performances must however conform to the stage limitations. Due to stage limitations, gymnastic type performances are not considered possible this year. Please call for more information.
4. Performances must conform to the 'family-friendly' standard of the Festival. The OC reserves the right to reject any performance deemed inappropriate. Any application that is not accepted by the OC will be refunded their respective entry fee.
5. Entry fee is non-refundable once accepted by the OC.
6. You must give a brief but accurate description of your intended performance for the OC to evaluate, approve and schedule your act. The actual performance must be in accordance to the description on the respective application. Deviations from, particularly complete changes in the performance, without the approval of the OC are reasons for being rejected from the show.
7. The OC may reject any contestant for any violation of the Rules and Guidelines as well as inappropriate behavior. Any cancellation by the OC is a forfeiture of the respective application fee. Decisions of the OC are final.
8. Performances must be maintained on and within the staging area.
9. Entry fees are \$35 for the first applicant and \$5 for each additional performer, maximum of \$50.
10. Contestants must reside in Cabarrus, Stanly, Mecklenburg or Union Counties.
11. **A \$10 discount may be taken if a canned food donation is provided by the time of the application. These donations will be provided to a local food bank by the Festival Committee.** Canned food donation must be at least 6 canned items (i.e. 6 cans of soup). Applications with food donation can be brought to McCoy Feed & Supply (call 704-888-2298).
12. Performances are limited to 3 minutes. A timer will be used by the judges and points will be taken for going over your allotted time. Judges may, at their discretion, stop your performance at the time limit. You will be allowed up to 2 minutes to setup and up to 2 minutes to breakdown. Please be considerate of contestants before and after your turn.
13. A panel of 3 judges will be used. Judges decision are final.
14. You must provide your own background music. Pre-recorded music must be on a CD. It is highly recommended that you have at least 2 copies, one for the sound tech and one kept with you as a backup. The Festival is not responsible for lost CD's.
15. You are responsible for any musical instruments or props used in your performance. The Festival, it's officials, sponsors, volunteers, Town of Midland or the Midland Fire & Rescue are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property as a result of your participation in this event.
16. Vocal performances using pre-recorded music can not have vocals on the pre-recorded track.
17. The Festival will provide a microphone, CD Player and staging area only. Please note on your application form how many microphones you will need. All other staging props are the responsibility of the applicant. Please note the time limitations for setup and breakdown.
18. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. All remaining contestants will receive a thank you gift bag provided by area merchants. Actual prizes to be announced.
19. Rehearsal time will be allowed starting Friday evening, tentatively Saturday and Sunday morning. Times to be determined based on number of entries. Please note if you would like a rehearsal time and your preferred time.
20. Applicants are limited to the first 10 applicants per group. The OC reserves the right to extend this number.
21. Your personal photography and videos are welcome. Professional photos will be available for purchase by Williams Photography, the official photographer of the Celebrate Midland Magic Festival. Your application is your consent for Williams Photography and The Celebrate Midland Magic Festival to use these images in future advertising media without compensation.
22. **Deadline for entries is September 30, 2009.**