

Ancaster Fair's "Got" Talent

Competition Rules 2011



Eligibility

The contest is open to non-professional residents of Ontario. For the purpose of this contest, a professional entertainer is:

- one who earns more than one-half of his or her normal living expenses, or
- one who is a union member, or
- one who has a professional agent or manager who is or will be paid a fee for securing employment in the entertainment field, or
- one who sings or otherwise performs on any recording released for commercial distribution through normal retail outlets. (This does not prohibit an entertainer from producing a recording for self-distribution, or performing on a recording of a school or church choir group for charitable fundraising purposes).

Performance Categories

Vocal Solo or Group up to 4

Junior Division – Entry Fee \$5.00 per act 6 – 12 years of age Prizes 1st \$100.00 2nd \$75.00 3rd \$50.00	Youth Division – Entry Fee \$5.00 per act 13 – 21 years of age Prizes 1st \$100.00 2nd \$75.00 3rd \$50.00	Senior Division – Entry Fee \$10.00 per act 22 years of age and up Prizes 1st \$200.00 2nd \$150.00 3rd \$100.00
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Judging

All contestants will be judged on the following basis:

Natural Ability 25% - - - Quality of Performance 25% - - - Showmanship 25% - - - Audience Rapport 25%

The decision of the contest judges is final and the *Ancaster Fair's "Got" Talent* judges / organizers / fair board / staff shall enter into no discussion regarding the decisions.

Entries

READ THE RULES THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY, AND BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL OF THEM.

When you sign the entry form, you agree to all the terms under the "General Rules and Regulations".

All entry forms must be sent or delivered to the Fair Office at 630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, ON L0R 1R0 to arrive by the closing date for the contest on September 9th, 2011. Junior and Youth Competition will be held Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 starting at approximately 6:30pm. Senior Competition to be held Saturday September 24th, 2011 starting at approximately 3:00pm. Top three acts will perform Sunday, September 26th, 2011 at 4:00 pm.

General Rules and Regulations

- Registration is first come, first served. All participants will be confirmed by phone or email.
- It is recommended that an act run no more than three (3) minutes. Under no circumstances may an act run more than four point five (4.5) minutes. **ANY ACT RUNNING OVER 4.5 MINUTES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED ...NO EXCEPTIONS!** The act is timed from the first vocal utterance.
- Instrumental accompaniment by the person in the act or others is allowed, but is not judged. It must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone.
- Contestant must not use any recordings with vocals or background vocals; only instrumental accompaniment is permitted.
- Background music to be provided by the performer in CD or MP3 format only. Contestants to provide CD or MP3 with the entry form. **It is the responsibility of the contestant to obtain permission for any recordings used.**
- Placing other than Top 3 will NOT be disclosed.
- Contestants must be available on the dates shown for Competitions Category without exception.
- I hereby consent to the use of any photographs taken of me, by or on behalf of the *Ancaster Fair's "Got" Talent* Competition, and any sound recordings made during the competition for the use of publicity for the Ancaster Agricultural Society (Ancaster Fair) or the talent competition.
- Organizers reserve the right of final decision on any matters pertaining to the *Ancaster Fair's "Got" Talent* Competition.

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