



Ancaster Fair's "Got" Talent

Competition Rules 2010

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 record released for commercial distribution through normal retail outlets. (This does not prohibit an entertainer from producing a record 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

<p>Youth Division – Entry Fee \$5.00 per act 13 – 21 years of age as of September 23rd 2010</p> <p>Prizes 1st \$100.00 2nd \$75.00 3rd \$50.00</p>	<p>Senior Division – Entry Fee \$10.00 per act 22 years of age and up</p> <p>Prizes 1st \$200.00 2nd \$150.00 3rd \$100.00</p>
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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 680 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, ON L0R 1R0 and must arrive by the closing date for the contest on August 16th 2010. Pre-judging will be held on Saturday, August 28th 2010 - all contestants must make themselves available for this date. Competition will be held Thursday, September 23rd 2010 starting at approximately 6:30pm. Top three acts will perform Sunday, September 26th at 3:00 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.**
- Placing other than Top 3 will NOT be disclosed.
- Contestants must be available on all dates shown for Senior / Junior Talent Competitions 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 pre-judging 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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