

## 2017 Monroe County Fair TALENT SHOW - DEPT 19

Superintendent: Elaine Berner, 585-426-9047  
On-Site Coordinators: Steve & Cheryl Valvano  
Preliminary Round - Friday, August 4th @ 1pm  
Final Round - Saturday, August 5th @ 1pm

Monroe County Fair is offering a Talent Show in order to provide a vehicle for encouragement, development and discovery of amateur entertainers and for the entertainment of fair goers. The top twenty-five placing entries in each age division in this show allows entertainers to go on to the New York State Fair.

From the NYS Talent Showcase: "In order to compete at the NYS Fair an entertainer must have been in the top twenty-five in ONE county fair. Contestants may enter one county competition to be eligible to perform in the NYS Fair Talent Showcase Competition. The majority of performers' residences should be from the county of participation."

### Rules & Regulations

1. Entry forms must be filled out and mailed or emailed in no later **July 31, 2017** (postmarked) **with entry fee**. Please use Talent show specific entry form included with these rules.
2. **There is a \$5 entry fee for each Mini act and a \$7 entry fee for each Maxi act.**
3. Cash prizes will be awarded for both age divisions.
4. The Monroe County Fair Talent Contest will accept up to 25 Mini acts and up to 25 Maxi acts for the competitions.
5. Each contestant and one chaperone per act will get free entry to the Fair each day of participation. This will be gate admission only.
6. **Age limits are:** Maxi Talent - 13 years of age and over. Mini Talent - 12 years of age and under. (Age of each contestant as of 9/1/17). **The 50% rule will be strictly adhered to concerning groups.** In a duo, if one contestant is 12 and under and the other is 13 and over, then they will compete in the MAXI division. In a group of three or larger, if 50% or more of the group is 13 and over, they will compete in the MAXI division. No one over the age of 14 may perform or be a part of a Mini division group, including accompanists.
7. Time limit for each act must not exceed five (5) minutes. Any act running over 5 minutes will be disqualified. Acts will be timed.
8. Acts are judged based on technical ability, quality of performance, and stage presence.
9. No acts may use or contain potentially dangerous things such as: fire, chemicals, batons, machetes, or knives, etc.
10. All acts must be age-appropriate. Contestants should dress age-appropriately and song lyrics must be appropriate to the fair's family-friendly atmosphere.
11. Superintendent has final say in all acts.
12. Because NYS Fair Competitions do not allow rock bands to compete, there will be no rock bands scheduled in the Monroe County competitions.
13. Contestants must be strictly amateur. They must not be/have been under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Also, performers holding union cards are not eligible. Teachers are not permitted to compete or perform in their professional talent, e.g., a dance teacher could not compete as a dancer. This rule does not apply to students under scholarship who assist in teaching.
14. The superintendent will send a list of the top 25 winners in Mini and the top 25 winners in Maxi competitions to the NYS Fair within five (5) days after their local contest has concluded. This list will include names and ages of all personnel, as well as the name of the act, type of act and music used for the performance. The top 25 place winners will be eligible to enter the NYS Fair Mini or Maxi Contest in August of 2017.

15. Contestants must perform the EXACT same act in both the preliminary round and the final round. This must also be the EXACT same act they intend to perform at the state level. There can be no performance changes of any kind. The same personnel must be used; the same routines; music; costumes; clothing/attire, etc. No changes of any kind allowed. Any violation of this rule will result in a disqualification.
16. A contestant can perform a maximum of twice: once as a solo act and once as a member of a group without a solo piece in the group act. If this rule is violated, the contestant and the group will be disqualified.
17. Contestants using recorded music for their performance must bring a cassette **or CD or** USB stick (no iPods or other mp3 players) in "like-new condition with them to the Talent Show for their preliminary audition. **The cassette, CD, or USB stick must contain only the selection to be performed on it.**
18. A sound system is provided for the Talent show, but no instruments. A limited dressing area is also provided.
19. The decision of the judges will be final.
20. Every act scheduled to perform at the Monroe County Fair Talent Show will receive confirmation. They then must report to the Talent Show preliminary round by 12:30pm for sign-in on Friday, Aug 4th.
21. Acts that continue on to the final round must report by 12:30pm for sign-in on Saturday, Aug 5th.
22. Any questions regarding the judges' decisions should be directed to the superintendent.
23. Submission of an application to participate in the Monroe County Fair Talent Show signifies acceptance on the part of all participants, contestants, chair people, teachers, parents, etc., of all terms and conditions set forth in any of our rules, regulations and communications.
24. Exhibitor assumes risk associated with, resulting from or arising in connection with Exhibitor's participation or presence at the Monroe County Fair, including, risks of theft, loss, harm or injury to the person, property, whether caused by negligence, intentional act, accident, Act of God or otherwise.
25. Exhibitor has sole responsibility for its property or any theft, damage or other loss to such property, whether or not stored on the premises. The Monroe County Fair, nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives or assigns, shall be liable for, and Exhibitor hereby releases all of them from, and covenants not to sue any of them with respect to, risks, damages and liability described in this paragraph.

#### **Awards**

Mini Division: 1st place \$25.00 -- 2nd place \$15.00 -- 3rd place \$10.00  
Maxi Division: 1st place \$25.00 -- 2nd place \$15.00 -- 3rd place \$10.00  
Ribbons 1st-5th place

**MONROE COUNTY FAIR - TALENT SHOW ENTRY FORM**

*Mini entry fee is \$5 per act & Maxi entry fee is \$7.  
Make checks payable to:  
Monroe Co Fair & Recreation Asscn*

Is your act a (circle one): Solo Duo Trio Group

What category will you be in (circle one): Mini Maxi

Name of Act: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of all Performers in Act**

**Date of Birth**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Type of Act (circle one):**

DANCE: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Folk, Ballroom, Acrobatic, Modern, Other \_\_\_\_\_

VOCALIST: Vocal Group, Vocal w/Guitar, Vocal Solo, Vocal w/Other \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENTALIST: Solo (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: (specify)

Do you use recorded music for your act (circle one): Yes No

If yes, title of music: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need time during the show to change to be in another act (circle one): Yes No

If yes, name of act: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail Entries to:  
20 Office Park Way Suite  
131 Pittsford, NY 14534*

**Entry Deadline is July 31, 2017**