

Paradise Center for the Arts

Community Talent Show

Official Rules and Guidelines

As part of the registration process, participants will be required to accept and agree to be bound by the Official Rules and Guidelines, including the decisions of the judges and the Paradise Executive Director which are final and binding in all respects.

The Talent Show coordinators and Paradise Center for the Arts Administration reserve the right to reject any application for audition and/or performance for any reason. Paradise also reserves the right to prohibit any individual and/or group performance from participating in the Talent Show for any violation of the Official Rules and Guidelines.

Paradise Center for the Arts reserves the right to change, delete, or add to any rules, regulations, or policies at any time they consider necessary. In the event of any such alterations, participants will be notified.

Registration - All entrants must complete a registration form (available at the Paradise website - www.paradisecenterforthearts.org - or by stopping by Paradise during business hours). Completed registration forms will be accepted through close of business Saturday, April 26, 2008 or until the predetermined number of registrants are accepted in each applicable division, whichever occurs first. Registration will be limited to the first 30 entrants in the Junior Division and the first 35 entrants in the Senior Division.

Individual and group acts are permitted. Registrants must identify the category of their talent at the time of registration: 1) MUSIC: e.g. song or instrumental; 2) DRAMA: e.g. monologue, skit, poetry, Visual acting or theatrical movement; or 3) DANCE: e.g. solo, group, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, modern. If a registrant is unsure which category their talent falls under, s/he should contact the Talent Show coordinators.

Audition times will be scheduled for each qualifying registrant following review by the Talent Show coordinators of all submitted registrations. For questions, email to talentshow@paradisecenterforthearts.org.

Fees - Entry Fees are \$15 per person; \$25 per group of 2 or more. A live accompanist will not be charged an entry fee, but will not be permitted to sing back-up vocals or participate in the performance other than through the provision of accompanying music. Entry fees will not be refunded for any reason.

Entry fees must be paid at the time of registration, and an entry form must be submitted with the registration fee. Entry fees may be paid using cash, personal check, or major credit card. Returned checks will result in an additional \$25.00 fee, and the registration will be void. Upon registration, the contestant must provide the exact title and/or description of what

he/she will perform. Changes will be permitted up to the close of registration on April 26 and must be submitted in writing on the original entry form. No exceptions will be permitted.

Walk-in registrations may be allowed at the discretion of the Talent Show coordinators on audition days. Individuals or groups wishing to register at this time must complete a registration form and pay a \$25 (individual) or \$35 (group) entry fee and have their registration reviewed by the Talent Show coordinators prior to an audition being granted.

Auditions - Auditions will be scheduled by the Talent Show coordinators after applications are reviewed to ensure that a variety of acts may be given the opportunity to audition and perform at the Talent Show. Performers must arrive 15 minutes before scheduled audition time to check in. Failure to do so may result in loss of audition. Participants in the junior division (age 5 - grade 8) must have a parent or guardian present at rehearsal. Participants must perform the same piece in the Talent Show that was originally performed in the audition. The same costume, uniform or performing attire planned for the actual Talent Show must be worn at the audition.

A professional sound system with CD player and a piano will be provided by Paradise for use by the entrants during auditions, rehearsals, and on show day. **IMPORTANT:** If you have recorded music, please have your CD available to give to the Talent Show Coordinator when you check in for your audition; you must check in at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. All CD's and tapes must be labeled with: title of music, name of registrant. Cassette tapes will be accepted, but they must be cued to the exact starting position. CDs are preferred, but Paradise is not responsible for CDs (burned or otherwise) that will not play on the Paradise sound equipment.

Auditions will be judged by experts in various areas of the performing arts. A separate panel of individuals, made up of local personalities and performance artists, will judge the Talent Show competition.

Talent Content - All talent must be appropriate for families and all ages. No songs, lyrics, dances, costumes, etc. that are inappropriate or suggestive (e.g. profanity, sexual or vulgar dance movements, rude gestures, or revealing costumes) will be permitted. You may not use "Radio Edits" of such songs. The same for COMEDY Acts. Shoes must be worn by all performers. Decisions on the appropriateness of acts, and compliance with this rule, are at the discretion of the Talent Show coordinators and Paradise Administration and all of their decisions are final. Violation of this policy may result in immediate disqualification, at the discretion of the Talent Show coordinators.

All acts will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes (this includes setup and exit time). Please time your act accordingly. Any acts running over 5 minutes will be disqualified from any awards.

Performances are limited to stage area only. Walking into the audience or approaching the judges is not permitted. Performers may not invite any audience member to participate as part of the "act" on or off stage. Performers will be allowed to include the audience in

“group” clapping during a portion of the performance. Performers are responsible for assuring that any “stunts” that will be made on stage during their performances can be done successfully on the stage provided. “Stunts” should be in clean taste and done in a safe and appropriate manner. Any such “stunts”, must be performed the day of auditions. “Stunts” that are not approved by the Talent Show coordinators the day of auditions will not be allowed to be performed the day of the Talent Show. Paradise Center for the Arts does not accept any responsibility resulting from injuries caused as a result of stunts or performance at the Talent Show.

Singing acts may use live or pre-recorded (e.g. karaoke CD) accompaniment. If using pre-recorded accompaniment, singers must use karaoke style music. Singing over the original artists' voice, re-recording the original song to remove the original artist's voice, or lip synching will not be allowed. Paradise will provide a tuned piano on stage, but will not provide a piano player. If you are performing or singing with a sound track, you must have a typewritten sheet of the lyrics submitted at the time of your audition.

Rehearsals - All participants will be scheduled for a specific rehearsal day and time. Participants in the junior division (age 5 - grade 8) must have a parent or guardian present at rehearsal. You will have 15 minutes to practice on Stage. You can rehearse before your scheduled rehearsal time slot in the Rehearsal Room. You should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled rehearsal time to get checked in (you can practice in the rehearsal room while you wait).

Participants are expected to show up for their scheduled rehearsal date/time and for the dress rehearsal. Those with live accompanists must have their accompanist at all rehearsals as well. Anything that will be used by the performer during the actual contest must be used during dress rehearsal (costumes, props, makeup, accompaniment, etc.) Participants not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to participate in the talent show. Please note: No contestant will be allowed to use the auditorium stage to rehearse at any time other than during scheduled rehearsals.

Competition - The top 15 acts for each division (Junior: age 5 - grade 8 and Senior: grade 9- adult) from the auditions will go on to compete in their respective Talent Show on Sunday, May 18. The top three winning performances (individual or group) from each show will take home these cash prizes!

- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$50
- 3rd Place \$25

A separate panel of individuals,

Judging will be conducted by a panel of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) individuals made up of local personalities and performance artists selected by Paradise Center

for the Arts. Each judge will score the performer(s) on the following performance components:

- Facial Expression/Body Language (10 pts.)
- Appearance/Costume/Performance Attire (10 pts.)
- Stage Presence/Entertainment Value (20 pts.)
- Technique/Technical Accuracy (20 pts.)
- Degree of Difficulty (10 pts.)
- Overall Quality of Performance (20 pts.)
- Audience Vote (10 pts.)

In the event of a tie score, the judges will determine an overall winner. The panel of judges will make all decisions regarding the quality and scoreworthiness of the acts. A separate contest official will tally all score sheets and verify competition totals. Appeals and/or requests for scoring re-counts will not be considered. Score sheets will not be released to contestants or to the public. Prizes will be awarded based on the decision of the judges. All decisions made by contest judges are final. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation.

Age Ranges - There are two divisions for the Talent Show: Junior Division: age 5-grade 8; and Senior Division: grade 9 - adult. The age of the contestant will be regarded as of the contest performance date, May 18, 2008. The "51% Age Rule" will apply to duets or groups whose individual ages fall into both Divisions. (Ex: if an act consists of three contestants, they will be placed in the Division appropriate to the two oldest or two youngest contestants, whichever applies. In the case of a duo or duet, the two ages will be added together, divided by 2, and the resulting age will determine the Division in which the duo/duet will compete.)

Eligibility - All persons ages 5 and up who are not employees of Paradise Center for the Arts (or who serve on the Board of Paradise Center for the Arts) and who pay the entry fee and who comply with all contest rules and regulations shall be eligible to compete. Entrants are permitted to participate in a maximum of three (3) separate acts (one in each of the three (3) separate categories) and an entry fee must be paid for each act. All contest entrants must be amateur performers. For this contest, the word amateur refers to anyone who is not (and never has been) contracted by/with a talent agency, booking agent, or other for-profit entity whose purpose is paid entertainment.

Props, Equipment, Costumes, etc. - All props, costumes, makeup, and accompaniment music are the responsibility of the performer. Paradise will provide cordless or corded microphones for all performers. Props must be limited to those which can (and will) be carried (by the performer) offstage immediately following the performance. Glitter, confetti, hay, liquids, etc. will NOT be allowed, nor will batons, knives, machetes, flames or flammables, or

weapons of any kind. Paradise reserves the right to designate any prop as a weapon. No special effects (lights, fog, etc.) will be permitted nor supplied. Animals will not be permitted to be used in any part of this contest.

Day of Show - Participants must arrive at Paradise Center for the Arts on Sunday, May 18 no later than one hour prior to the start of their respective show for a short meeting. (Junior Division arrive by 1:00pm, Senior Division arrive by 6:00pm, and take a seat in the first three rows of the Bahl Family auditorium.) Following the meeting, participants will go to their assigned areas, where they must remain until their time to perform. After their performance has ended, they must return to their assigned area to wait for the awards presentation of the contest. Participants will not be permitted to receive visitors, messages, gifts, materials, or merchandise while backstage. Paradise Center for the Arts will not be responsible for lost, damaged, sabotaged, or defective articles furnished by the contestant. All contestants are encouraged to guard their belongings and keep them under appropriate watch at all times. Contestant line-ups shall be determined by the Talent Show coordinators. No individual and/or group will be paid for performance.

Conduct - All contestants must be courteous and respectful to each other at all times during rehearsals and the actual contest. All tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and illegal substances are strictly prohibited prior to or during the show, this applies to auditions and rehearsals as well. Performers and/or groups may not sell products of any kind, such as, but not limited to, T-shirts, tapes, souvenirs, food, etc. at the Talent Show, auditions or rehearsals. Performers may not distribute pamphlets, business cards, or fliers.

Publicity - Registration for and/or participation in the Paradise Center for the Arts Community Talent Show indicates permission for Paradise to use the registrant's name, photograph, or example of talent in any promotional manner, including newspapers, magazines, public media outlets, websites, etc. Participants may, if they like, submit a 5x7 or 8x10 glossy picture of their individual performance or group, as well as a typed biography of no more than 200 words about their individual performance or group. This material holds no influence in qualifying for acceptance for auditions and/or Talent Show. Material submitted will remain the property of Paradise Center for the Arts and may be used for advertising purposes at the discretion of the committee. If submitted, these items must be received at the Paradise offices no later than Monday, May 5, 2008. Photos and/or bios may be submitted by mail, in person, or via email (send to talentshow@paradisecenterforthearts.org). We are arranging to air this show on Cable TV and may use the resulting video, in whole or in part, for future promotional purposes. All Talent Show participants must sign a Media Release to this effect.