

**INDIVIDUAL
Entry Form**

Deadline:

Junior-Intermediate

Friday September 16th

Senior – Adult

Friday September 23rd



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2011

Talent Competition
Trade Mart Building
October 6-16, 2011

**All participants will be recognized with Platinum,
High Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Honorable Mention Medallion**

Category

Division

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo-Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Solo | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (ages 3-8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (ages 15-16) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo-Musical Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo-Variety | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (ages 9-10) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (ages 17-18) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo-Movie Musical | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo-Gospel/ Patriotic | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (ages 11-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (ages 19 +) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo-Pop/Rock | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety* | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (ages 13-14) | |

* Any act not fitting into a vocal or dance category.

PERFORMER NAME / NAME OF ACT	AGE	BIRTHDATE

This is an individual entry form. If more than one person is in your act, please use a group entry form. Contestants may compete in all categories. You may not compete against yourself in vocal solo-finals.

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____
DAY NIGHT

Contact Address: _____

Contestant Email: _____

FEES: \$ 50 per solo act.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Fair Talent Competition and mail to P. O. Box 180862, Richland, MS 39218

Or Email to: StateFairTalentCompetition@gmail.com

Visa or MasterCard : Name _____ Expiration Date _____

Credit Card Number _____

Credit Card will post as Actor's Playhouse on credit card statement.

For Questions, call 601-664-0930. For rules and additional forms go to www.actorsplayhouse.net

We hereby release the staff of Actor's Playhouse and the Mississippi State Fair from any and all claims for damages or injuries sustained while participating in any activity related to this event. We understand the Rules and Regulations that pertain to the Actor's Playhouse/MS State Fair Event and do fully comply with them. We give permission to Actor's Playhouse and the MS State Fair to use any photographs-video-film-audio-or any recording device and likeness for any and all purposes.

Date _____

Signature of entrant or parent/guardian (if under 18).

Rules and Regulations



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- New 1. All Entry Forms **MUST** be either mailed to the P. O. Box or Emailed to:
StateFairTalentCompetition@gmail.com
- New 2. The registration deadline is Friday, September 16th for Junior and Intermediate Divisions. Registration deadline for the Senior and Adult Divisions will be September 23rd. Late registration will be accepted with a \$25 late fee and you will not receive a packet or gate pass All registration forms must be postmarked before or on September 16th or 23rd to avoid a late fee. No registration will be taken after September 30, 2011. Once your entry form is received you may not change your category.
3. No refunds will be made on entries.
4. Music **must** be on CD-R **Only**. There should be **only one song per CD**. Any violation will result in disqualification. A backup CD should be available in case of technical difficulties.
5. The Grand Prize winners in each division will receive a cash prize. The Junior and Intermediate Division winners will each receive a \$500 cash prize. The Senior and Adult Division winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize.
6. The Grand Prize winners will be ineligible to compete the following year.
7. Performance times will be assigned as entry forms are received. The first entry forms received will be scheduled last to perform in their category. A packet will be mailed to each contestant prior to the event with your approximate time slot. Time slots may not be swapped. Failure to appear at your scheduled time will result in disqualification.
8. The registration desk will open one hour before the scheduled event. All participants should be pre-registered and checked in at the desk leaving their labeled CD's. (No cassette tapes allowed)
9. A separate entry fee will be charged and a separate application must be completed for each category entered. **Only one entry per form**.
- New 10. A contestant may enter only once per category. You may enter as many categories as you wish. Contestants may not be a part of more than one act per category. You may not compete against yourself in the vocal solo finals.
11. The age of the contestant is based on their age on the date of the competition. Group acts should average the age of all contestants and perform in the appropriate age category for the average age.
12. The contest is open to any and all eligible competitors, regardless of residence.
13. All acts should be no longer than 4 minutes. Any act running over this time limit will have 5 points deducted. An official timekeeper will be present. Timing begins with the first note or word and ends with the last note or word.
14. Use of CD's in the vocal performance categories containing background vocals of any type will result in a 1-5 point deduction from the total score depending on the amount and volume of the background vocals. The number of deductions will be at the judge's discretion.
- New 15. Six (6) wireless hand held microphone will be provided. Contestants may not bring their own wireless microphones or audio equipment. NO headsets will be available.

16. All props must be inanimate with the exception of those used in a variety type act. (i.e. magician)
17. The use of smoke, fire, sharp objects or any device capable of causing injury to performers or audience members is strictly prohibited. Anything thrown off the stage will be cause for immediate disqualification.
18. Only one person other than those visible on the stage will be allowed backstage per act. This includes all parents, teachers and friends.
19. Dressing rooms are to be shared by all competitors. There will be separate dressing areas for males and females. Do not rope off areas or place names on dressing room areas. Any contestant who damages or defaces any Fair property and equipment will be liable for damages and disqualified from the event.
20. Audience seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.
21. Absolutely no video taping or flash photography at anytime during an act. You may purchase a video or photo cd at the event.
- New 22. All instruments are the sole responsibility of the act. Piano contestants will be responsible for their own keyboard.
23. In an instrumental act, the contestant must create all sounds live on stage. Pre-programmed music is not allowed. Electrical requirements need to be addressed on the entry form.
24. The talent competition staff will have sole authority in scheduling acts, controlling stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.
25. The talent competition staff assumes no responsibility for any expenses, transportation, meals or rooms for any contestant.
26. All acts will be judged on age appropriateness for both the age of the contestant and for presentation in a family oriented atmosphere.
27. All judges' decisions are final.
28. In the event of a tie score, our judges will review the score sheets and break the tie.
29. This contest is not open to professionals. Professional is defined as anyone who has worked professionally in the entertainment industry, receiving wages and/or benefits, between October 6, 2010 and October 16, 2011.
30. If an entrant advances to the finals in their division, they must use the same song/act.
31. Contestants must observe all applicable rules and regulations or be barred from the talent competition. The talent competition staff reserves the right to remove from the talent competition any entrant not conforming to the rules and regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of security or talent competition officials.
32. The talent competition staff shall determine all questions regarding entries, category, rules or any other issues. Their decision is final.
33. In the event a category has less than three (3) contestants, the contestants will be competing in a Second Variety category.
34. Vocal group category requires having more than one (1) person singing.
35. Acceptable re-dos must be the result of technical error on the part of the Mississippi Talent Competition staff. Please refer to rule # 4.