



Department P Talent Search

22nd Annual Talent Search

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Early registration suggested! Categories are limited!

This department is in compliance with the New York State Fair Talent Show Rules.

Entries are accepted up to 1 week prior to Fair week. There is no entry fee, but entrants must pay admission to the Fair. All 7 daily winners are eligible to compete for "Best of Fair."

Age categories:

12 & under

13 & over

Individual, duet or group acts may include: dance, comedy, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, clown, ventriloquist, magic, impersonation, dramatic reading, gymnastics and storytelling.

Daily prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st place \$40

2nd place \$30

3rd place \$20

4th, 5th, 6th & 7th place Medals

All participants will receive ribbons.

Best of Fair prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st place \$150

2nd place \$100

3rd place \$75

4th place \$50

5th, 6th & 7th place Medals

All participants will receive ribbons.

Special New York State Fair qualifiers will be held on Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20. The top 25 placements of the Mini and Maxi competitions will be eligible to compete at the New York State Fair Talent Hunt. The first 7 winners of competition in the Mini and Maxi competitions will compete for "Best of Fair" on Sunday, July 21.

In addition, we will have the Special Age 7 & under contest. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, at 1pm. 1st prize winner will receive a trophy. 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive medals. All participants will receive a ribbon. These winners are not eligible to compete for "Best of Fair."

For more information and an application please contact:

Sue Penney at 371-3754

or

Audrey Poitras at 899-2646.

**SARATOGA COUNTY FAIR TALENT CONTEST
RULES AND REGULATIONS
"START TO STAR" 2002**

1. Time limit for each act must not exceed five minutes. Any act running over this will be disqualified. Acts may be individual, duet or group.
2. Bands, baton twirlers or acts presenting a safety hazard will not be accepted.
3. Contestants must be strictly amateur. Performers or groups holding union cards are not eligible.
4. Contestants must not be/have been under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money is not considered reimbursement.
5. Group members may not appear in more than two group performances. Groups will automatically be placed in the category of the oldest member.
6. Contestants may perform once as an individual, once in a duet and twice as a member of a group. There will be 30 available slots for "Open" and "State" competitions.
7. Since a limited number of applications in each category will be accepted, it is advised to register early. Please submit a copy of each contestant's birth certificate with application. Incomplete entry blanks will not be considered. No substitutions may be made for performer, music or routine once the application has been accepted. A list of alternate performers will be established and notified as necessary.

Residents of counties without County Fair Talents Contests may compete at the Saratoga County Fair in the "Open" and/or "State Fair" Competitions.

8. The judges' decisions are final. Judges will score based on:
 - a. Technique/Natural Ability 1-30 points
 - b. Execution/Choreography, Quality of Performance 1-30 points
 - c. Stage Presence and Showmanship 1-20 points

In case of a tie, judges will score based on execution/choreography and quality of performance - 1-30 points.

9. Contestants must provide their own music in the form of a cassette tape or record. Keyboards are not provided but may be used. Sound equipment will be available.
10. Winning contestants, i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th may compete on Sunday for Best of Fair. Winners may not alter their act in any way. (Performers, costumes, etc.)
11. Teachers are not permitted to compete in their professional talent, e.g. a dance teacher could not compete as a dancer. An unpaid student teacher, 18 and

under, is eligible to compete. Age eligibility is on or before opening day of the Fair.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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12. There is no entry fee required. However, an admission ticket to the grounds must be purchased.

13. Daily contest prizes to be awarded as follows:

1st Place	\$40.00
2nd Place	\$30.00
3rd Place	\$20.00
4th Place	Medal
5th Place	Medal
6th Place	Medal
7th Place	Medal

All participants will receive ribbons.

14. In the 7 and under contest, a trophy will be awarded for 1st Place. 2nd and 3rd Place winners will receive medals.

15. Best of Fair Championship prizes to be awarded as follows:

1st Place	\$150.00
2nd Place	\$100.00
3rd Place	\$ 75.00
4th Place	\$ 50.00
5th Place	Medal
6th Place	Medal
7th Place	Medal

16. The first twenty-five (25) winning contestants from the Mini and Maxi contests are eligible to compete in the Talent Hunt at the New York State Fair. Expenses for the State Fair are the responsibility of the individuals.

A group dressing area will be provided. The stage area is approximately 16' x 32' and raised 3 1/2 ft.

Judges' scores will be mailed after the fair is over to the entrants who supply us with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, prior to the end of the fair. Please include the name of your act, category, performance number, date of performance and if a Mini or Maxi Division contestant. No requests received after the fair is over will be honored.

Contestants must inform Mrs. Penney or Mrs. Poitras if unable to compete so that alternates can be notified as early as possible.

For further information please contact:

Susan Penney
Telephone: 371-3754

Audrey Poitras
Telephone: 899-2646

2002 Saratoga County Fair Talent Show Contest Entry Form & Schedule

Contestants must answer all questions. Incomplete information in the following sections may result in a delay of acceptance. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. Enter either individual, duet and/or group category. **Written proof of age must be submitted.** This information does not have to be duplicated if a performer participated in the 2001 Talent Contest. All entries must be received by **Monday, July 8**. Please mail completed form to Audrey Poitras, 25 Collamer Dr. Ballston Spa, NY 12020 or drop it off at the Fair Office.

For multiple entries, please photocopy the forms as needed.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (Include proof of age)

Name: -----	Age: -----
Address: (street,city, state & zip code) ----- -----	
Telephone: -----	Social Security No.: -----
Name of Talent Training School/Studio: -----	
Type of Act: -----	Approximate time of act (max. 5 min) -----
Brief Description of Act: ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	

DUET ENTRY (Complete both entries on this page)

Name:		Age:
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Address: (street,city, state & zip code)		

Telephone:	Social Security No.:	
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Name of Talent Training School/Studio:		

Type of Act:	Approximate time of act (max. 5 min.)	
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Brief Description of Act:		

Name:		Age:
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Address (street,city, state & zip code)		

Telephone:	Social Security No.:	
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Name of Talent Training School/Studio:		

Type of Act:	Approximate time of act (minutes)	
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Brief Description of Act:		

GROUP ENTRY (3 or more performers: names and ages of each performer; include proof of age)

Name:		Age:
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Address (street, city, state & zip code)		

Telephone:	Social Security No.	
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Name of Talent Training School/Studio:		

Type of Act:	Approximate time of act (max. 5 min.)	
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Brief Description of Act:		

Name:		Age:
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Address (street, city, state & zip code)		

Telephone:	Social Security No.	
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Name:		Age:
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Address (street, city, state & zip code)		

Telephone:	Social Security No.	
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PLEASE CHECK ONE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

SHOW	AGE GROUP	INDIVIDUAL	DUET	GROUP
** Tuesday, July 16 1:00 p.m.	7 & Under OPEN			
Wednesday, July 17 6:00 p.m.	12 & Under MINI OPEN			
Thursday, July 18 6:00 p.m.	13 & Over MAXI OPEN			
Friday, July 19 6:00 p.m.	12 & Under MINI			
Saturday, July 20 6:00 p.m.	13 & Over MAXI			

**BEST OF FAIR COMPETITION WILL BE HELD
SUNDAY, JULY 21 at 4:00 p.m.**

** Not eligible for Best of Fair Competition

For program lineup purposes, please indicate below any special requests concerning make-up, costume changes, etc. Such requests must be made prior to the day of the competition.
