



Rules and Regulations

Purpose/Goal

Cedar Rapids Talent Fest is for acts of all ages, 12 and up, and artistic talent vying to audition, make the cut and perform at the Grand Finale.

Our goal is to create an annual contest to:

- Showcase area talent
- Create an enjoyable venue for performers and the community
- Raise awareness and funding for local humanitarian projects supported by Spanda Inc.

Cedar Rapids Talent Fest Live Audition Rules & Regulations

-For the purpose of the Cedar Rapids Talent Fest: Acts are defined as individual, duet or group.

-For 12 and up, any participant under the age of 18 will need a parent/guardian to sign permission to audition, and be videotaped.

-Entry fee, signed release and registration form are required prior to auditioning.

-Auditions are taken first come first serve.

-The top live contestants will compete in the Cedar Rapids Talent Fest Finale at Theatre Cedar Rapids on the evening of Sunday, August 8, 2010.

-Performers must report to the Talent Organizer/Contact 30 minutes before their scheduled time to perform.

-A contestant can perform a maximum of two times: (1) One solo and as a member of only one other group or (2) two groups with no solo.

-Contestants must be strictly amateur. Union professional that derive the majority of their annual income from performing are considered professionals for the purposes of the Cedar Rapids Talent Fest.

-Contestants may provide their own music in the form of a cassette tape or CD, or contestants may let us know what song they need and we will have it available in a Karaoke format, as a Karaoke machine will be available to use. If we are unable to get a Karaoke format, the contestant will be notified as soon as possible. Sound equipment will be available. Keyboards are not provided, but can be used.

-No acts using batons, machetes, knives, fire or any other safety hazard will be accepted. No vulgar or profane language or images are allowed. Acts will be disqualified if any of the above occurs, and the act will be asked to leave the stage immediately.

-For vocal acts instrumental accompaniment by 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.

-For instrumentals, live or a taped accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone.

-For dance performances, accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance.

-For vocal and/or Instrumental Groups, any combination of vocal and/or instrumental performance will be accepted, including bands with or without vocals.

-Contestants should be aware that while performance of an original composition, either vocal or instrumental, is acceptable under contest rules, more familiar "commercial" numbers will generally have better audience appeal. Appropriate song choice (age and content) is highly recommended.

-Dress Code: contestants are asked to wear appropriate attire to the competition as determined by the contest management.

-Organizers reserve the right of final decision on any matters pertaining to the Talent Fests Competition not covered by the rules.

-We also will be showcasing some talented performers already established in the local area during the finale.

-Scores will be based on the following:

- Technique/natural ability
- Execution/choreography, quality of performance
- Stage presence and showmanship

-Don't worry if you didn't make the cut at your first performance, there will be a possibility to receive call backs. Call back times will be determined by the Talent Fest judges. Participants will be notified of call back status within five working days from the date of their performance.

Parental/Guardian Warning: Interfering with, or questioning any contestant before, during or after the competition by a parent/guardian, will not be tolerated and will result in elimination of their contestant. All decisions made by this committee are final.

Cedar Rapids Talent Fest Video Rules & Regulations

-The contest begins on 02/26/2010 and ends on 07/15/2010, hereafter referred to as the "Contest Period".

-The contest is open to all at least 12 years of age or older as of the first day of the contest period. A parental release is required for all contestants under the age of 18.

-All entries must be postmarked by the contest deadline of 7/15/10 . Late entries will not be accepted.

-Maximum one entry per person regardless of the method of entry.

-Entrants must fill out the contest entry form, sign the waiver, and submit entry fee and a video to be eligible.

-Each video submitted must be no longer than five (5) minutes in length. The submitted videos will be viewed by judges and the top five (5) videos will be judged by our panel and viewed by a live audience at the Talent Fest finale on August 8, 2010. Submitters will be notified in advance if their videos are selected and are to be shown at the finale. All videos submitted must be free of any inappropriate language, images and/or sexual content and/or illegal activity. All videos will be reviewed by the contest managers to determine eligibility.

-If any video is deemed inappropriate by the contest managers, that video will be declared ineligible and will not be judged.

-All entrants are required to complete the contest entry/release form upon submission of their video. Release forms are available through the website, and must be filled out by any identifiable individual/s appearing in the submitted video. Any video submitted without release forms shall be ineligible for consideration by the contest managers.

-All videos will be judged on the following criteria:

- Creativity
- Originality
- Talent

-The Judging Committee will be a panel of 3 local business people or community leaders.

-In order to be declared a finalist by the contest judges, each entrant must be in compliance with the contest rules and, in particular, must agree to the following:

* To be contacted via email within five (5) business days of the date on which the finalist's entry was selected.

* If a selected finalist cannot be contacted, or is otherwise not in compliance with the contest rules, the contest judges reserve the right to disqualify such entrant from the contest and select one or more further entrants from the remaining eligible entries until 5 finalists are officially selected.

-All videos submitted, whether as a winning entry or not, will become the property of Cedar Rapids Talent Fest and may be used, published or republished, in whole or in part, royalty free, in any printed or electronic media and in promotional material, including recruitment and online publications. By sending your videos in for consideration, you provide Cedar Rapids Talent Fest with exclusive ownership of the video.

-All entrants must, at the time of submission, be the sole authors and owners of the copyright of all videos entered into the contest. Upon entry, all rights in and to the videos become the exclusive property of Cedar Rapids Talent Fest, including all intellectual property rights including, but not limited to, copyright. Cedar Rapids Talent Fest has the right to use the video as it chooses, including the right to use the video, or any portion of that video, in printed or online

publications. Cedar Rapids Talent Fest reserves the right to alter the video in any manner deemed necessary for use in any promotional pieces.

-Please note: Your personal information will not be sold/given to other marketers. Personal information provided by the entrant will be used by Cedar Rapids Talent Fest to administer the contest, and will not be used for any other reason.



CR Talent Fest Release Form



All performers in video and/or live performance must sign this release form. All artists must be 12 years of age or older to participate in either the video and/or live performances (auditions and finale) of the CR Talent Fest.

This is an agreement between the Artist(s) (actor, actress, singer, musician, performer) and Spanda Inc. (a nonprofit organization) to establish the terms and conditions of the use of material produced (photography, image, sound, and other) during the recording/taping session of the video or during the CR Talent Fest live performances (auditions and finale). This includes the recording of any image, sound, or photography.

The Artist acknowledges that Spanda, Inc. is the owner of any and all recorded images. The Artist further acknowledges that all copyright of the produced materials may be used by Spanda Inc. for public relations support of Spanda's non-profit activities, including printed publications and use on the World Wide Web. Spanda, Inc. will acknowledge and give credit to the Artist(s) in any type of print publication or World Wide Web usage.

Spanda, Inc. agrees not to use any of the Artist(s) produced materials for profit or financial gain. This agreement is in effect for five years from the date of signature.

Artist Signature

Spanda Inc. Authorized Representative
Signature

Artist Printed Name

Spanda Inc. Representative
Printed Name

Artist's Address

Artist's Phone Number

Artists Date of Birth

Date

Date

Witness

Date

If the artist is less than 18 years of age, parent and/or legal guardian must sign this release form.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Address

Phone Number