Rules and Regulations

Age Restrictions
1. Contestants must be 12 yrs of age by time of auditioning, no exceptions. If age is in doubt, a birth certificate copy will be required.
2. Groups vying to audition must have all members within age restrictions.

Audition Expectations

1. Entry fee, signed release and registration form are required prior to auditioning.
   a) Every participant under the age of 18 will need a parent/guardian to sign permission to audition and be videotaped.

2. Individual and group auditions will be permitted to perform their talent with TalentFest management reserving the right to limit audition time.

3. Contestants must be strictly amateur.
   a) Any contestant (individual or group member) who derives an income on a consistent, contractual basis of performing through bookings, appearances, etc, may be disqualified. Exclusions include, but are not limited to paid performances at or for a nonprofit, church/religious venues, or school events. Please call for clarification; we want to be inclusive as much as possible. Contact us at crrtalentfest@gmail.com or call (319) 929-5652 with any questions on if you would be considered a professional.

   b) No refunds are given to individuals or groups considered to be professional by Cedar Rapids TalentFest management.

4. Contestants can audition more than once: (1) Must pay fee each audition (2) Must complete all forms and releases for each audition (3) Multiple auditions must be on separate dates, there will be no duplicate auditions on same date.

5. All eligible performances done by contestant(s) must be strictly G rated.
   a) No vulgar or profane language, inappropriate attire/costume, or images are allowed.

   b) Acts will be disqualified per Cedar Rapids TalentFest management’s discretion of appropriateness and safety; the act will be asked to leave the stage immediately or asked not to enter stage.

   c) No refunds will be given if disqualified.

6. Accompaniment is allowed as following:
   a) Sound equipment (microphone, amplifier, speakers, karaoke machine) will be available by Cedar Rapids TalentFest at both audition locations (West Music and Westdale Mall)

   b) Contestants can provide own music as CD+g or mp3 on a CD for karaoke. No iTunes format. Cedar Rapids TalentFest cannot guarantee karaoke song availability. If contestant wishes to request a song, please meet with Grey Wolf (karaoke provider) one hour prior to performance to request song.
Audition Expectations cont….

Cont. #6 Accompaniment is allowed as following:
c) Instrumental accompaniment, dance performances, and background vocal by others are allowed, but are not judged, unless specifically noted on registration form.
d) It must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone.
e) Equipment outside of sound equipment (keyboard, piano, etc…) will not be provided by Cedar Rapids TalentFest. Contestant(s) are responsible for any and all required equipment needed to complete ones performance.

Note: Contact West Music if you plan to audition at that location, to verify availability of equipment use.

7. Auditions are taken first come first serve.
a) Pre-registration and walk-ins are available for all auditions. Date selection is available on registration forms. Cedar Rapids TalentFest will notify for availability of date and time.
b) Performers must report to the Talent Organizer/Contact 15 minutes before their scheduled time to perform.

8. Each audition/competition will be scored by a panel of judges.
a) Judges will consist of local business people, community leaders and volunteers
b) Judging scores will be based on Talent, Creativity, Showmanship, Uniformity and Costuming.
c) Each audition will be videotaped for use of future reviewing of Cedar Rapids TalentFest staff and judges.
d) Availability of copies of the judges score sheets will only be offered by request, and will be distributed after Aug 14, 2011.

9. Participants will be notified by mail, email or phone of advancement to call-back status after June 17, 2011.

10. Participants will be notified by mail, email or phone of advancement to final 16 to compete at finale after July 11, 2011.

Keep in mind
• The event is to raise awareness and is a fundraising campaign for local Spanda Inc. program, Cedar Rapids Vision In Motion (CRVIM). CRVIM is an outpatient, occupational therapy clinic specializing in low vision, neurovision rehabilitation and pediatric vision therapy.

• Organizers reserve the right to make a final decision on any matters pertaining to the TalentFest’s Competition not covered by the rules.

• Contestants do not have to be a resident of Cedar Rapids to participate.

• 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.

• 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 TalentFest to administer the contest and will not be used for any other reason.
CR TalentFest Release Form

All performers in video must sign this release form. All artists must be 12 years of age or older to participate in the live performances (auditions, call backs and finale) of the CR TalentFest. If age is in doubt, a birth certificate copy will be required.

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 CR TalentFest live performances (auditions, call backs, 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.

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Artists Address

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Parent/Guardian Address

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Parent/Guardian Signature  Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Artist’s Address

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Artist’s Phone Number

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Artists Date of Birth

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Date

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Witness

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Date

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

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Address

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