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SEARCH FOR THE STARS

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AUDITION: MARCH 14 starting at 10:30 A.M.



Search for the Stars is much more than a talent contest. It is an opportunity to grow and learn as a performer. Auditions for Search for the Stars take place on Sunday, March 14 commencing at 10:30 a.m. They will be held at the Olive and John Diefenbaker Theatre at the E. A. Rawlinson Centre. **PLEASE NOTE: THE AUDITIONS WILL BE PRIVATE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS COMPULSORY. Registration is by phone Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m from February 2 to March 12. Please call 765-1270.**

WHO CAN ENTER

1.) AGE CATEGORIES

Novice

-5-8 years of age as of June 30, 2010

Junior

-9-12 years of age as of June 30, 2010

Senior

-13-18 years of age as of June 30, 2010

2.) PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES

-Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Band, Variety and **Songwriter** (this category is for junior and senior performers only). This is a new category.

3.) SEARCH FOR THE STARS RULES

- 1.) Past winners and participants in Search for the Stars are welcome to audition but must compete with a different performance piece than in previous Search for the Stars.
- 2.) Performers are permitted one audition per category (vocal, dance, instrumental, band and variety and songwriter,)
- 3.) **The songwriter category is new this year. The sponsor for this performance category is Freedom 55 Financial. This is a performance category which is eligible for**



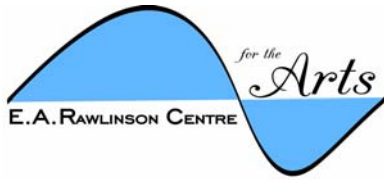
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Junior and Senior Performers. Since it is permissible to enter once per category, a performer may enter in the Songwriter Category with their own composition and in the Vocal, Instrumental or Dance Category with other selections. The songwriter must be at least one of the performers in a group which is performing the piece for that composition to be entered in the Songwriter category.

- 4.) Performers are not permitted to audition more than once per category. (If you are entering as a solo performer for any category, you cannot also enter as a duo or trio in that category)
- 5.) Performers are permitted to enter as a soloist and also in a group of 4 or more people in the same category
- 6.) There is a 5 minute time limit per audition
- 7.) Vocalists may be accompanied by backing tracks or live accompanist
- 8.) NO BACKUP VOCALS ARE PERMITTED ON THE BACKING TRACKS OR BY LIVE BACK UP SINGERS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE LIMIT OF YOUR CATEGORY.**
- 9.) Instrumentalists are permitted an accompanist provided that the accompanist is playing a different instrument than the person who is auditioning (i.e. piano accompaniment for a violin solo) and if the accompanist is in the same age category.
- 10.) For groups, the age category is determined by the average age of the group: For example if the ages of members of a quartet are: 10, 10, 14, and 16, the average age is 12.5 so this group would be entered in the junior category
- 11.) **Only** live auditions will be accepted...no videos or tapes.

THE SEARCH FOR THE STARS EXPERIENCE

- 1.) Search for the Stars is first and foremost a learning experience designed to give everyone the opportunity to grow as a performer. Every person who auditions will receive on the spot feedback from the judges. A written summary of comments will be sent by mail.
- 2.) Performers who are chosen to perform at "Search for the Stars" Gala will be required to attend a workshop (free of charge) to enhance their knowledge in their field of performance. They will



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gain valuable experience in performing at a professional show in a professional concert venue.

3.) Search for the Stars performers will have their group photo permanently on display on the E. A. Rawlinson Centre Wall of Fame.

4.) **PRIZE PACKAGE**

Following the gala performance, one performer in each of the SENIOR CATEGORY, the JUNIOR CATEGORY, the NOVICE CATEGORY and the SONGWRITER CATEGORY will be selected as the Star in that category.

THE SENIOR STAR (13-18 YEARS OLD)

- will be invited to perform at Festive Magic 2010
- will receive \$1,000
- will receive the Senior Star Trophy

THE JUNIOR STAR (9-12 YEARS OLD)

- will be invited to perform in Festive Magic 2010
- will receive \$500
- will receive the Junior Star Trophy

THE NOVICE STAR (5-8 YEARS OLD)

- will receive \$100
- will receive the Novice Star Trophy

SONGWRITER STAR

- will receive \$500
- will receive the Singer/Songwriter Trophy
- if that person has achieved a minimum predetermined score, he/she will receive assistance to the value of \$2000 in recording a demo CD.



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HELPFUL HINTS

- 1.) The selection of the participants in Search for the Stars will be based on the performance given **at the audition**. The number that you choose to perform for the audition is the number that you will perform at the Search for the Stars Concert/Contest if you are selected. Know your lyrics and dress as you would expect to dress if you were performing at a professional performance.
- 2.) Arrive sufficiently early for your audition so that you can be relaxed, warmed up and ready to perform without feeling rushed and stressed out.
- 3.) Be open to learn from the experience and most importantly have fun!!