

2010 ST. PAUL WINTER CARNIVAL

CARNIVAL HAS TALENT CONTEST

Entry Rules and Information

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT
www.winter-carnival.com

Entry: Acts must submit an entry form along with the entry fee. Participants may either register online or complete the enclosed entry form. **The fee is 30.00 for individual (solo) acts, and 25.00 ea. Individual for acts of two or more persons.** *Entry fees are non-refundable. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation. Each act may audition only once.* (An act is defined as the same person or configuration of people.)

Divisions: All acts compete in one of three divisions. The Preteen Division is open to acts age 12 and under only. The Teen Division is open to acts ages 13 through 18 only. The Open Division is open to any act regardless of age. In cases where the act consists of a group of individuals, choose the division that is appropriate for the majority of the group members. Contestant's age at audition date determines which division an act competes in. Accompanist, when not a part of the act may be any age.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all amateur entertainers. Professionals are NOT permitted to compete. This includes Union musicians and anyone whose principle source of income is from their talent. Compensation for performing at weddings, etc. does not constitute principle source of income. With the exception of first place winners in the Open Division, acts that have participated in the past are welcome to compete again. Former Teen Division first place winners are required to compete in the Open Division if they choose to compete again. Past Preteen first place winners must also compete in the Open Division if they are not of age to compete in the Teen Division.

Auditions: This contest consists of three parts: Auditions, Semifinals, and Finals. Auditions are **Saturdays January 9th and 16th** at the Rosedale Mall. Auditions will begin at 11:00 a.m. until all acts have been judged for the day. Additional dates may be added to accommodate additional acts as needed. Upon receipt of the signed entry form and fee, an audition date and time will be scheduled and the act will be notified by either mail, e-mail, or phone.

Semifinals: Twenty Open Division, Fifteen Teen Division and Fifteen Preteen Division acts selected from all auditions and will advance to the semifinals during Carnival. Semi Finals will be held on Friday January 23rd at _____. From this group Ten (10) Open Division, Five (5) Teen Division and Five (5) Preteen Division contestants will move on to the finals.

Finals: Finals for all divisions will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday January 29th at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Minnesota.

Dressing Rooms: Dressing rooms will be available for Semi Final and Final Rounds.

Judging: Judges' decisions are final and score are not released to acts or the public.

Acts will be judged on:

- Quality of performance (including selection of act)
- Stage Presence
- Entertainment Value.

Selection: All semifinalist and finalists must perform the same act or musical selection as used for their original audition. This includes the same people, and number of performers in the original act, as well as the musical choice.

Stage Area:

Time Limit: Your allotted time limit will be four minutes. (This includes any spoken intros by the act) Act's are allowed to perform a medley of tunes, but must remain within the four minute time limit.

SOUND AND ACCOMPANIMENT:

Sound System: If a sound amplification system is necessary, All acts are required to use the sound system and sound technician provided by the St. Paul Winter Carnival. We will provide microphones, Monitors, piano, and a compact disc player. All other instruments and amplifiers must be provided by the act, if needed. We will not allow microphones supplied by the act.

Piano Accompaniment: All acts wishing to use a piano must have their own accompanist.

Recorded accompaniment: Vocalist may use recorded accompaniment provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY. Absolutely no vocals are allowed on the recording. *For vocal acts, acts will be disqualified if accompaniment recording has vocals of any kind.* For recorded accompaniment, a CD is recommended. If a cassette tape is used, please us a high quality tape; a bad tape will distract from your performance. Tapes should be cued and ready to play. **If a "self made" CD is used, please bring a back-up cassette tape with you.** Because of the quality deviations in CD recorders/media, not all self-made CDs are readable on all machines.

Bands/Heavy Equipment: If you have band gear or heavy equipment to load in, you must call us to make arrangements. Please call 651-647-9288 Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m. *This call needs to be made at least 2 or 3 days in advance of your appearance. If you do not contact us, we will not be able to assist you.*

AWARDS:

Open Division	First Place _____	Second Place _____	Third Place _____
Teen Division	First Place _____	Second Place _____	Third Place _____
Preteen Division	First Place _____	Second Place _____	Third Place _____

**Questions ? If you have questions regarding the contest call
651-730-8503 or e-mail gelanahan@aol.com**

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