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**ALLEGANY COUNTY TALENT SHOWCASE**  
**Superintendents – Becky Freeman-Brauen**  
**& Angie Freeman**

To be held Saturday, 11:00am at the Mini Theater area.

**Rules:**

1. Age limits: Maxi Division – 13 years of age and older; Mini Division – 12 years of age and under. Ages are as of 09/01/13. The 50% rule will be used concerning groups. NO CONTESTANT OVER THE AGE OF 14 MAY PERFORM IN THE MINI DIVISION.
2. Time limit for each act must not exceed five (5) minutes. Any act running over 5 minutes will be disqualified. Acts will be timed.
3. No acts using batons, machetes, knives, etc. will be accepted.
4. No fire will be allowed on stage during the competition.
5. Contestants must be strictly amateur. Performers or groups holding union cards are not eligible.
6. Contestants must not be/have been under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money should not be considered reimbursement for performance.
7. To be eligible for the New York State Fair Talent Showcase, contestants must have performed and placed in the top 25 in a County Fair Talent Show sanctioned by the New York State Fair. Contestants who compete in one county are not eligible to audition in another county.
8. A contestant may compete a maximum of three times – One (1) solo and as a member of only two (2) other groups or three (3) groups with **no solo**. If this rule is violated, the contestant and the group will be disqualified. **\*(An Accompanist is considered part of and is judged as part of the act. Groups using an accompanist must consider them part of the group in reference to rule 1)**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** At the Allegany County Fair, a contestant may perform more than one solo provided the solos are in different categories. The maximum of three total performances still applies.

9. For the State contest, contestants must perform the same act they did at the county level. There cannot be any substitutions in group members, performance changes, music, etc.
10. The Talent Showcase will take place on Saturday, July 20, 2013, starting at 11:00 am. Registration begins at 10:00 am. All contestants must be checked in by 10:45 am. The contest will begin with the Mini participants and continue with the Maxi group.
11. Teachers are not permitted to compete or perform in their professional talent. E.g. a dance teacher could not compete as a dancer. This rule does not apply to students under scholarship who assist in teaching.
12. Contestants using recorded music for their performance must deliver a cassette or CD in “new condition” to the Registration table at sign-in time. Cassettes should be rewound and labeled “STEREO” or “MONO” and have the name of your act on it. **The cassette must contain only the selection to be performed on it.** Please supply a high quality recording for your performance.
13. A sound system and piano will be provided by the Allegany County Fair. Contestants needing an accompanist must supply their own.
14. There is no rock band competition. No rock bands will be scheduled.
15. Transportation to and from the Fair and meals are the responsibility of the contestant. There may be a lunch break at the discretion of the superintendent.
16. One (1) pass will be provided to each contestant. One additional pass will be provided for a parent if needed. These passes are for admission only and do not include rides.
17. There is no entry fee of any kind.
18. The decision of the judges will be final.
19. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place will receive cash prizes. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will receive trophies or plaques.

20. First place winners of the NYS Talent Showcase in each age division are not eligible to compete in the same category the following year. For example, a solo winner may not return as a soloist the next year. He or she may however perform as a part of duet, trio, or group. (This applies to winners of the State Talent contest only.)
21. Direct all questions or comments to Becky Freeman-Brauen and/or Angie Freeman at (585) 610-0717 or (585) 610-0616 or e-mail to [melodymagicdj@yahoo.com](mailto:melodymagicdj@yahoo.com).
22. Applications are accepted until the day of the show but in order to guarantee an admissions pass applications **must** be postmarked by July 8, 2013.  
OBTAIN APPLICATIONS AT THE FAIR OFFICE AFTER JULY 5, OR CONTACT BECKY FREEMAN-BRAUEN AND/OR ANGIE FREEMAN, 111 W Pearl St, Wellsville, NY 14895.