

DEPARTMENT 14-08

Wayne County Fair Talent Show

Saturday, August, 15th 2026- 9:00 AM

Superintendent -Showcase Coordinator: Craig A. Wert

3752 Ontario Center Road, Walworth, NY 14568 - Phone (585) 301-3857

Participants may compete in the following Age Groups: **(Age of each contestant as of 8/14/2026)**

Maxi Showcase - 13 years of age and older.

Mini Showcase - 12 years of age and under.

The 50% Rule will be strictly adhered to concerning groups. In duo; if one contestant is 12 and under and other is 13 and over, then they will compete in the Maxi Showcase Division. In a group of three or larger, if 50% or more of the group is 13 and over, they will compete in the Maxi Showcase Division. No one over the age of 14 may perform or be part of the Mini Showcase Division, including accompanists.

RULES:

1. Acts may be Individual, Duet, or Group.

A contestant can perform a **maximum of THREE (3) times:**

- a. One (1) Solo and as a member of only Two (2) other groups.
- b. OR Three (3) groups with NO Solo.

2. There is NO entry fee for the Talent Showcase. Everyone must completely fill out an entry form for EACH ACT they are in prior to the Talent Showcase.

3. Time limit for each act MUST NOT exceed five (5) minutes. Any act running over five (5) minutes will be disqualified.

4. NO acts using batons, machetes, knives, fire or any other safety hazard will be accepted.

5. Contestants Must Be Strictly Amateur. They must NOT BE/ HAVE BEEN, under contract for reimbursement for their performance. Expense money must not be considered reimbursement for performance. Teachers are not permitted to compete in their professional talent. (ex. a dance teacher could not compete as a dancer). This rule does not apply to unpaid students who assist in teaching.

6. Contestants DO NOT need to be Wayne County Residents but MUST be New York State Residents.

7. We put down a solid 12 x 20 sheet of Linoleum for the dancers.

8. Sound equipment will be provided. An electronic keyboard will be available.

Contestants using recorded music for their performance must supply a cassette tape or CD in "Good Condition". TAPE/CD MUST BE LABELED with the name of your act on it. Tape/ CD must contain only the selection to be performed. Tape/ CD must be given to Showcase Coordinator upon arrival at showcase areas. HAVE A BACK-UP. CD-RW doesn't work in all CD players. A CD-R is better.

9. To be eligible for the New York State Fair Talent Showcase, contestants must have performed successful in a county fair talent showcase. In addition, performers must perform the same at the state level that they did at the county fair level.

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10. Contestants will be Scored based upon:
 1. Stage Presence (15 points)
 2. Talent (55 points)
 3. Interpretation (20 points)
 4. Audience Appeal (10 points)

11. Transportation to and from the fair, meals and lodging are the responsibility of the contestants. All acts should be of appropriate language, subject & material. NO Electrified Bands. Not enough time to set up. The Wayne County Fair is NOT RESPONSIBLE for lost, stolen or misplaced articles.

12. All contestants must report to the showcase area by 8:30 AM. Meeting at 8:45 AM.

13. At the conclusion of the contest, CASH Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places in each Division and Rosettes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

14. The Judge's scores will NOT be available the day of the event. Scores will be provided after the fair is over to the entrants who supply us with a self-addressed-stamped envelope prior to the end of the fair. Please specify your name and name of your act.

Complete and mail/e-mail/return the form by July 20, 2026 to:
Craig Wert, 3752 Ontario Center Road, Walworth, NY 14568 - Phone (585) 301-3857

cwert@waynecsd.org

For Multiple Entries Please Copy the Form as Needed.

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS! *(Please print or type)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

What competition are you entering: (circle one)

Maxi Showcase - 13 years of age and older.

Mini Showcase - 12 years of age and under.

Total number of performers in your act: _____

Total number of performers 13 years of age and older: _____

Names of others in your act: _____

Do you use recorded music for your act? (circle one) Yes No

Please use a Flashdrive. Please no Cell phone Audio.

Type: (circle one) Tape CD Other _____

Title of the music: _____

Which best describes your act: (circle one)

Dance Solo

Dance Group

Vocal Solo

Vocal Group

Instrumental Solo

Instrumental Group

Variety Solo Act _____

Variety Group Act _____

Will you need to use a piano? _____

*This act is NOT under contract and has NEVER been under contract for reimbursement. NONE of the performers are members of an entertainment Union. I hereby grant the sponsor and co-sponsor(s) the unconditional right to use the name, voice, and photographic likeness of the above said person, in connection with any article, press releases and/or audio/video productions. **If under 18 years of age; print Parent or Legal Guardian's Name:***

Phone Number of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

**Signature of participant or parent/
legal guardian if participant is under
the age of 18**

Date