



York Region Talent Search 2012

NAME OF APPLICANT _____
(Mr./Mrs./Ms.) First Name Last Name

PERMANENT YORK REGION ADDRESS: **Note:** you must be a resident of York Region to enter this program

Street Apt. # City/Town

Postal Code _____ E-mail (reliable—preferred parent's email): _____

Phone No: () _____ () _____
(daytime) (evening)

If applicable, Name of school where you study your art (ie: *Ricks Dance studio* etc.)

Discipline category (circle one): Dance Instrumental Theatre Arts

Vocal (any genre) Group dance (2 or more participants) Group Vocal (2 or more participants)
There is no category for Bands

Birth Date: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ (if a group, list all on a separate piece of paper.
Group submissions will go by the average age of the participants to determine age category)

The Corporation of the Town of Newmarket, Recreation and Culture Department, **NEWMARKET THEATRE** has once again partnered with the **YORK REGION MEDIA GROUP (Bursary Program)** to present the **Celebration of the Arts, York Region Talent Search and the Celebration of the Arts Bursary Program**. These events are both open to all residents of York Region. The two programs are run concurrently but offer prizes that are separate from each other. Eligibility for ***the Bursary Program*** is open to those York Region residents who are currently enrolled in an educational process. This includes but is not limited to the applicant continuing secondary or post secondary studies, which may be unrelated to their interests in music or entertainment, but may assist with this goal. It also includes individuals who indicate a desire to pursue their music, performance or entertainment interests by way of private lessons. For ***the York Region Talent Search*** entry is open to any resident in York Region regardless of age and does not require enrollment in any educational process.

You may choose to enter one award program or both with your single entry at no additional fee.

_____ I am entering only the **York Region Talent Search** (\$300 prizes for each 1st place winner in each category both in discipline and age as well as trophies for the top three winners in each category). **Please do not consider** my entry for the Bursary Award Program.

_____ I am entering **both award programs** with my one submission at no extra cost. This being the **York Region Talent Search** (as outlined above) and the **Bursary Award Program** (additional prizes ranging from \$500-\$3000) and have included my 50 word summary as requested for this particular program. Contestants are eligible to win from both award programs if so deserving. This program is open to all ages and all categories.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

I have included ALL of the following required documents with my application;

- ☐ Supporting DVD footage (clearly labeled with your name and phone number on it) or Youtube link.
A video of your entry is needed, please do not send in audio only.
- ☐ My Youtube (or other social media) video link is being emailed today (only send 1 to COA2012@hotmail.ca and entitle the subject line **COA entry** make sure your name is in the body of the email so we know who's entry we are watching). Make sure you receive confirmation of receipt.
- ☐ Written outline of training and experience.
- ☐ 50-word summary of how you would use the Bursary Award monies to further your education or career.
Be prepared to email this if you are a chosen semi-finalist.
- ☐ Contestant must select a minimum of three of the five semi final dates to make themselves available to compete in the semifinals. If selected as a semifinalist, **we** will select which date you will perform. Please check your confirmed available dates 1st, 2nd and then 3rd choice (use numbers 1, 2 and 3):
Fri. July 6th _____, Sat. July 7th _____, Sun. July. 8th _____, Sat. July. 14th _____, Sun. July. 15th _____
- ☐ 5x7 colour or black and white photo (not an 8x10 please)
- ☐ \$30.00 non-refundable administration fee

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All applications must be received at the Newmarket Theatre box office no later then **4:00 p.m. on June 2nd, 2012.** Late entries will not be accepted and this deadline will not be extended.

Please enclose your submission, complete with the non-refundable administration fee (\$30.00 cheque payable to the Town of Newmarket), completed application form, written summary, photo and labeled DVD, in a sealed envelope.

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations as outlined on www.yorkregion.com or www.newmarkettheatre.ca

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian if applicant is under 18 _____

QUESTIONS?

Should you have any questions regarding your submission you may call the producer of this event, STAR Productions at **905-503-STAR (7827)** or by email at COA2012@hotmail.ca
Kindly leave a message with your name and phone number and your call will be promptly returned.

Payment may also be made by credit card by filling out the information below.

Full name on card: _____

Phone number of Card Holder: _____

Address _____ Apt. Number _____

Town _____ Postal Code _____

Card Type: VISA [] MasterCard [] Amex []

Card Number: _____ Exp. _____

This event is proudly sponsored by...

The Town of Newmarket, Recreation and Culture Department, NEWMARKET THEATRE and the YORK REGION MEDIA GROUP.

Celebration of the Arts/York Region Talent Search Rules and Regulations

Applications will be available and accepted at:

1. The Newmarket Theatre, 505 Pickering Crescent, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8H1
Box Office hours are: Monday to Friday 1:00 - 5:30 p.m., Saturday 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
2. The Town of Newmarket, Recreation and Culture Department
395 Mulock Road, Newmarket, ON. L3Y 4X7. Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm
3. The Liberal Newspaper, 50 East Beaver Creek, Unit 1, Richmond Hill.
4. The Era-Banner, 580B Steven Court, Newmarket
5. The Vaughan Citizen, 8611 Weston Road, Unit 29, Vaughan
6. The Georgina Advocate, 461 The Queensway South, Keswick

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Finalists MUST be available to compete at the Finals Gala evening on **July 21st (age 15 and under) or July 22nd (age 16 and over) 2012.**

Bursary Winners are required to perform at the Award Presentation **Gala Oct. 13th at the Markham Theatre.**

DVD's and photos will not be returned.

Ideally, taping should take place from one camera, and encompass the full performance area at a reasonable distance. Please ensure that your individual performance is clearly visible. Group performances will not be helpful if the applicant is a soloist. Performance videos shot from too great a distance are not helpful. All submissions will be judged by three experienced judges.

Videos should have been produced within the past 6 months.

1. This competition is only open to amateur performers of all ages, not professionals (members of a union or professional association related to the applicant's discipline) who are currently enrolled in an educational process.
2. No Refunds will be issued for any entry.
3. Entries MUST be received by **4:00pm June 2, 2012** at the Newmarket Theatre or above newspaper locations.
4. All applicants will be informed, by email, regarding their status and their assigned performance date.
5. Any proposed changes to original submitted entries of accepted contestants must be in writing - no verbal requests will be honored. Proposed changes to original entries MUST be submitted and received 14 days prior to the assigned performance date or they WILL NOT be considered. Proposed changes may or may not be allowed.
6. Accepted contestants are required to perform the selected piece in the preliminaries in the same manner as they did in their audition tape.
7. Contestants advancing to the **finals** may choose to perform a different piece than was performed in the semi-finals.
8. Contestants must perform in the same category in the Finals for which they qualified in the preliminaries.
9. Contestants' age category is based on their age as of **July 15th 2012**. Age categories are 12 and under, 13-15, 16-18, 19 and up in each discipline.
10. Individuals may only enter this competition once, unless in two distinctly different categories i.e. Vocal and Dance. Entries in vocal with a Broadway song and a classical song is not considered two categories. The category is vocal.
11. Soloists may also enter as part of a group entry, provided the group contains at least 2 members.
12. A past bursary winner may only compete again if they are in a new age category, a new discipline, or group vs. solo from their successful previous win.
13. Video Taping, audio recording and movie cameras are strictly prohibited in the theatre during performances. No flash photography.

14. Acts may last no longer than 4 minutes (5 minutes for classical pieces) from the time the entertainment begins. Any act longer than the maximum time limit will be penalized (1 mark for each 10 seconds) or disqualified. Set-up time is limited to 2 minutes.

15. Each act will be judged in the following way: Technical Mastery, Performance Ability, Overall Impression.

Total possible points: 100

Scores will not be made public. Score sheets will not be available for review.

The judges will not be commenting publicly on performances.

THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

16. The Town of Newmarket, The Newmarket Theatre, STAR Productions (formerly Marquee Productions), and the York Region Media Group will not be held responsible or liable in any way for any accidents or injuries or damage to person or property that might occur as a result of participation in this contest.
17. Performers and their parties will be held personally responsible for any and all damages to the theatre, theatre equipment or other property not belonging to them.
18. Stage monitors, microphones and sound mixing equipment will be provided for the competition, however, it will be the responsibility of the participants to provide their own musical instruments, amplifiers, props and costumes.
19. A grand piano is available for use in classical or acoustic entries.
20. All vocal, dance and instrumental (excluding piano) submissions must perform with an accompanist. In the event that a participant does not have a live accompanist, performance backing music or accompaniment must be provided on CD or an emailed MP3 (preferred) **and must have lyrics and backing vocals removed**. Lip-synching is not permitted. CDs must be clearly labeled with the performer's name, and the title of the piece. If using a CD, the **Contestant will bring 2 separate copies of their CD in the unlikely event that one doesn't read in the machine.**
21. Lyrics are permissible on backing music for dance routines.
22. All performances are monitored for content of inappropriate lyrics and gestures. Anyone who is in violation of this performance requirement will be removed from the competition immediately.
23. Freestanding props are allowed however, fire, pyrotechnics, swords or knives are NOT permitted.
24. The York Region Celebration of the Arts and York Region Talent Search, does not discriminate. We are an equal opportunity competition for the purpose of performing arts evaluation.
25. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable administration fee for each act. All cheques should be made payable to the **"Town of Newmarket"** and must be returned with the entry form. Forms returned without the entry fee will not be considered. Credit card payments may be made by filling out the enclosed form.
26. A \$35.00 charge and disqualification from the competition will result in any NSF cheques.
27. Accepted applicants agree to attend a dress rehearsal to be held during the daytime, on the same day as their booked evening semi-final performance.
28. All showcases (preliminaries and two final Gala events) will be presented at the Newmarket Theatre, 505 Pickering Crescent in Newmarket. Accepted entrants agree to perform live at one of the preliminary/semi-final evening productions. The management team reserves the right to dictate on which evening the accepted acts will perform.
29. All contestants/winners agree to attend press conferences and phone interviews during and/or following the events and agree to release their photos for publicity of the contest. Contestants also agree to allow their acts to be video taped for public broadcast.
30. **An applicant's signature on the attached application form signifies** their acceptance of and agreement to abide by all of the rules and regulations stated above.

Special note: Live auditions and videotaping (**by appointment only**) will be held at:

Newmarket Theatre on Monday April 2nd 2012

Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre on Thursday April 5th 2012

Please call STAR Productions (formerly known as Marquee Productions) to book your audition appointment time at 905-503-STAR(7827). Leave a message with day and evening phone numbers or email us at COA2012@hotmail.ca