



Stars in The Park Talent Show Contest Rules and Information 2018

Auditions

- Stars in the Park requires an audition of your performance.
- Auditions for Stars in the Park will be held May 7 – 10 at the Jay Community Center, East Water St., Portland. You will be contacted prior to the auditions to schedule your date and time.
- Auditions will be closed from the audience and will be scored by judges and Director of Stars in the Park.
- 48 contestants will advance to the Quarterfinals.
- You must come prepared for your audition - bring everything that you will be using for your performance. You must have items ready, and instruments tuned prior to performance. A keyboard will be provided for contestants to use at the Auditions and show nights in Portland. A practice room will be provided for contestants to prep for Auditions.
- In lieu of a live audition, a performance can be (and is encouraged to be) submitted via a YouTube video. Submissions of these must be emailed to membership@jaycountychamber.com. MP3 auditions will NOT be accepted. Contestants must either submit a YouTube Video or participate in a live Audition.
- Video submissions for Stars in the Park are due April 16, 2018.

Entry Fee

- There is no fee for any returning contestants from previous shows.
- For new contestants the entry fee is \$20.

Contest Rules

- Stars in the Park is open to everyone and every talent. Contestants must give age at the time of the Finals performance on July 11. If you are 17 at the time of Auditions and Quarter Finals but are 18 at Finals, you will be deemed 18 years old for awards given during the Finals.
- Dance performances will be accepted but there will be no special floor provided. You must dance on the concrete stage or the grass area in front of the stage.
- You are responsible for all costumes/props/instruments/etc., and set-ups for your performance. You must come prepared and ready for every performance.
- You must have two different performances prepared for the contest – one for the Quarterfinal performance and one if your act advances to the Finals. All performance pieces must be approved by the Stars in the Park's executive/technical director prior to performance. Any changes must also be reported to the director at least 5 days prior to next performance for approval.
- Contestants will be limited to one 6-minute performance in the quarterfinal rounds and one 8-minute performance in the finals round. Note: "performance" includes time for set up on stage.

- Quarterfinal shows will be performed at Hudson Family Park on the following dates:
 - June 7 – QF #1
 - June 14 – QF #2
 - June 21 – QF #3
 - June 28 – QF #4
- The Finals show will be performed at the grandstand during the Jay County Fair on Wednesday, July 11.
- There will be two manners of judging in the quarterfinals.
 - The audience will vote with ballot tickets only – no cash votes.
 - The Top 4 contestants from each Quarterfinal night will advance to the Finals on July 11 at the Jay County Fairgrounds:
 - ONE - The top Audience Pick
 - TWO & THREE - The top 2 chosen from combined scores of the Judges and Audience
 - FOUR - A Judges Choice
 - There will be three judges for each Quarterfinal. On Finals night, there will be a 5 member panel of judges.
 - Judges for both auditions and show nights will use the following criteria:
 - Personality
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Quality of Performance
 - Organization/Coordination
 - Stage Presence
 - Overall Performance
 - Judges will be the final decision in case of a tie.
 - During Quarterfinals and Finals, voting will be a 1/3 to 2/3 split between audience and judges. Audience ticket votes and judge scoring points will be combined to determine finalists. The top audience vote over all, a Judges' Save and two contestants who have the top combo points will advance to the Finals round.
 - On Finals night, only the audience will get to vote for a Fan Favorite. There are two Fan Favorite awards: "Fan Favorite 18 and Over," and "Fan Favorite 17 and Younger." The Top 3 overall contestants are not eligible for these prizes.
- It is agreed that participants will not hold the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Stars in the Park Sponsors nor affiliated businesses, nor their directors, employees or competition judges or officials responsible for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them when in attendance and or participating in any phase of the competition.
- Participants give their permission to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce to use photographs and appearance in video in connection with print, online, radio advertising or news coverage in connection with Stars in the Park competition. As well as any marketing after the competition.
- This is a family-friendly event. Participants must dress appropriately and not wear anything deemed offensive nor should their performance in any way or manner be deemed inappropriate or offensive. The judges will have total discretion to decide and immediately disqualify any contestant that violates this term. This includes behavior that may in any way be deemed abusive, illegal, defamatory, libelous, indecent, obscene, offensive or threatening.
- In the case of inclement weather, the quarterfinal shows will be moved to the following Tuesday at Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre. The rain date for the Finals will be held on Friday, July 20 at Hudson Family Park Amphitheatre. The Director and Chamber Officers will make the final decision for postponement, which will be announced as soon as possible.

Deadlines and Performance Dates

- April 16 – Audition/Entry Forms and online audition submissions are due to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce.
- May 7-10, Audition Dates at the Jay Community Center
- June 7, Quarterfinal #1
- June 14, Quarterfinal #2
- June 21, Quarterfinal #3
- June 28, Quarterfinal #4
- Wednesday, July 11, Finals Night

Prizes to be awarded:

- Grand Prize - \$1,250
- 1st Runner-Up Prize - \$500
- 2nd Runner-Up Prize - \$250
- Fan Favorite 18 and Over - \$250
- Fan Favorite 17 and Younger - \$250

Contact Information

- www.starsinthepark.com
- Facebook: Stars in the Park
- General information/Audition Form:
 - Jay County Chamber of Commerce 260-726-4481
- Show Information/Producer:
 - Samantha Thomas samanthathomas1983@yahoo.com 260-251-5514