



2017 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION

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The PEI Youth Talent Competition is proudly presented by the PEI Mutual Insurance Company and the PEI Association of Exhibitions.



With the ongoing generous support of the PEI Mutual Insurance Company, this program continues to give Island youth a chance to display their wonderful talent.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to PEI Mutual for their generosity and support.



Eligibility for Youth Talent Search

The contest is open to permanent residents of Prince Edward Island and non-professional performers only, between the ages of 13 and 21 years. Each member of an act, whether performing as a soloist or as a member of a group, must be at least 13 years old and must not have reached their twenty-second birthday by the opening day of the current year's participating fairs.

For the purpose of the Youth Talent Search, a professional entertainer is:

- a. One who earns more than \$16,000 (after cost recovery) in earned entertainment dollars in a given year.
- b. One who is a union member, or
- c. One who has a "professional" agent or manager securing employment in the entertainment field, or
- d. One who sings or is the principal performer on any CD released for commercial distribution through contracts with recording companies paid to promote them. (This does NOT prohibit an entertainer from self-producing a CD for sale or distribution to friends and associates such as in church group activities or friendly retail outlets.)

Proof of age may be required.

Participants may enter in **one or two categories** at any or all of the PEI Youth Talent Search Competitions. If the contestant **enters in only one category** and wins the competition, he/she will move on to the Provincial Finals and are not eligible to continue competing. If a participant chooses to **enter two categories** and advances to the Provincial Finals with one act, they are still eligible to compete at future competitions with the second act (eg: a dancer competes as a solo and as part of a group. If the group advances, the dancer can still compete as a soloist). A participant who has previously won the PEI Youth Talent Competition Finals is no longer eligible to compete in future PEI Youth Talent Competitions.



2017 Competition Venues

Tignish Irish Moss Festival

Date: June 30th, 2017 at 6:30pm
Location: Tignish Credit Union Arena
Contact: Chelsea Murphy
Address: P.O. Box 57, Tignish
COB 2B0
Phone: 902-882-2600
Email: chelseamurphy77@hotmail.com

PEI Potato Blossom Festival

Date: July 19th, 2017 at 7pm
Location: O'Leary Community Centre
Contact: Eileen Conway-Martin
Phone: 902-859-3757
Email: econwaymartin@gmail.com

L'exposition agricole et le Festival acadien

Date: August 14th, 2017 at 7pm
Location: Centre Expo-Festival
Contact: Eric Richard
Phone: 902-315-2593
Email: ericrichard@eastlink.ca

PEI Provincial Exhibition/Old Home Week

Date: August 16th, 2017 at 7:30pm
Location: Charlottetown Civic Center
Contact: Old Home Week Office
Address: P.O. Box 3070, Charlottetown
C1A 7N9
Phone: 902-629-6623
Email: info@oldhomeweekpei.com

Provincial Plowing Match and Agriculture Fair

Date: August 21st, 2017 at 7pm
Location: Dundas Fair Grounds,
Main Stage
Contact: Elaine MacLennan
Phone: 902-583-2113
Email: emaclennan@msn.com

Summerside Lobster Carnival

Date: July 14th, 2017 at 7pm
Location: Carnival Grounds, Credit Union Place
Contact: Marlene Campbell
Phone: 902-432-1298
Email: wyatt.programs@city.summerside.pe.ca

Prince County Exhibition

Date: July 27th, 2017
Location: Jacques Cartier Arena, Alberton
Contact:
Address: c/o Exhibitions Office
P.O.Box 169, Alberton, COB 1B0
Phone: 902-853-3013
Email: pcex2013@gmail.com

Tyne Valley Oyster Festival

Date: August 6th, 2017 at 2pm
Location: Community Sports Centre
Contact: Danielle MacDougall
Phone: 902-206-2705
Email: macdougallpd@gmail.com

Sign up online at tvoysterfest.ca

(Online registration is not currently available)

Entry Deadline: First 12 to register after
registration is announced

Please note this is a singing competition only!

Kensington Community Harvest Festival

Date: August 22nd, 2017 at 7pm
Location: Kensington Community
Gardens Complex
Contact:
Address: P.O. Box 418
Kensington PE, COB 1M0
Phone: 902-836-5348
Email: cgardens@pei.aibn.com

Recorded Music for Accompaniment

Effective January 1st, 2017

Contestants are responsible for the quality of the music downloaded. Contestants must bring a backup download in case of a faulty disc or corrupted download. Acceptable formats for recorded music are: CD, Mp3 players, iPhones and USB sticks.

Categories

Categories of competition are as follows:

1. Vocal Solo
2. Instrumental Solo
3. Dance Solo
4. Vocal Group
5. Instrumental Group
6. Dance Group
7. Variety Solo
8. Variety Group

Note: There is no limit to the number of members in a group.

Note: Competition categories are for the purposes of scheduling performers, clarifying eligibility and determining judging criteria. Each act will be judged against each other act, regardless of the category of performance.

Competition

Competitions for the Youth Talent Search will be held at nine fairs and festivals on Prince Edward Island. A participant may enter any or all of these competitions, providing they did not advance to the provincial finals from a previous fair. The participant may enter only two categories in any one competition. One act will be selected to represent each fair/festival at the Provincial Youth Talent Finals.

General Rules and Regulations of Judging

Contestants will be judged on the following basis:

- Natural Ability–25%
- Quality of Performance–25%
- Showmanship and Suitable Appearance–25%
- Audience Rapport–25%

There will be a minimum of three judges for each local competition. Decision of the contest judges is final. No discussion regarding any decisions shall be entered into by the Youth Talent Search organizers.

Participant Rules and Regulations

- Acts may not run longer than 4 1/2 minutes. Acts running over this time will be disqualified.
- Contestants must choose age and language appropriate song lyrics.

To ensure that your act meets the rules and regulations of the Provincial Youth Talent Competition, please read the complete rules and regulations for the competition at www.peiae.ca. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in disqualification from the event.

Please note: Contestants must choose age and language appropriate song lyrics. At the judge's discretion, songs containing coarse or suggestive language may result in disqualification.

Cash Awards Presented For:

First Place: \$300

Second Place: \$150

Third Place: \$75

Note: This is the mandatory limit set for prize money, however if an event has the capacity to increase the amounts they may do so at their own discretion.

Provincial Youth Talent Search Finals

The final competition will be held at the region Evangeline recreation centre on Friday September 1st during the opening ceremonies of L'Exposition agricole et le Festival acadien de la region Evangeline. The winner will receive \$750 in prize money, the runner-up will receive \$350 and the third place contestant will receive \$150.

Registration Information

Registration forms are found online at www.peiae.ca

Please print off the form, complete and sign. Send entry form to the contest coordinator for the specific event prior to the entry deadline.

Note: a separate entry form is required for each contest you wish to enter.

For More Information...

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