



Waterford Pumpkin Festival

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Sponsored by Waterford Lions/Lioness

October 18 – 20, 2019 - Celebrating 37 Years of Pumpkinfest!

Talent Show Rules and Regulations

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to non-professional residents of Norfolk County, Ontario only. For purposes of this contest, a professional entertainer is:

- one who earns more than one-half of his or her normal living expenses by performing in any of the categories of competition (i.e. a professional dancer may not compete in the contest as a singer, musician, etc.) or
- one who is a union member, or
- one who has a professional agent or manager who is or will be paid a fee for securing employment in the entertainment field, or
- one who sings or otherwise performs on any record released for commercial distribution through normal retail outlets (This does not prohibit an entertainer from self-producing a record for sale or distribution to friends and associates, or performing on a self-produced recording of a school or church choir group for charitable fundraising purposes).

Talent contestants must be between the age of 5 and 18 years. Each member of an act, whether performing as a soloist or as a member of a group, must be at least 5 years old and must not have reached his/her 19th birthday by Sunday October 20th, 2019. Proof of age may be requested. The average age of group members is not considered.

At least one member of your group(or solo artist) must be a resident of Norfolk County.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The acts in this competition must be musical in nature and all acts will be compared against each other.

COMPETITION TIMING

We can only host 20 entertainment acts on the day of the contest. If we have more than 20 entries, we will request a video or possibly in person submission of the same act to be done on the day of the contest. We will use this to narrow it down to 20 acts for the contest itself.

Entry Deadline – October 4th, 2019 by 4:00 pm Local Time(Waterford, Ontario, Canada)

Video Submission Deadline (f required) – October 11th, 2019 by 4:00 pm Local Time (Waterford, Ontario, Canada)



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JUDGING

All contestants will be judged on the following basis:

- Natural Ability 25%
- Quality of performance 25%
- Showmanship 25%
- Audience Rapport 25%
- **Audience rapport is the judges' evaluation of how the act would be received by an appropriate, impartial audience in an appropriate setting, and is not based on the size or enthusiasm of an act's "fan club" The decision of the contest judges is final, and organizers shall enter into no discussion regarding any decision at any time.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

First Place Winner: \$250.00

Second Place Winner: \$150.00

Third Place Winner: \$50.00

ENTRIES READ THE RULES THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY, AND BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL OF THEM. WHEN YOU SIGN ENTER THE CONTEST, YOU INDICATE YOU HAVE DONE SO!

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (All Rules and Regulations apply to every level of the competition)

- It is strongly recommended that an act run no more than three (3) minutes. Under no circumstances may an act run more than five (5) minutes. ANY ACT RUNNING OVER 5 minutes WILL BE DISQUALIFIED...NO EXCEPTIONS! The act is timed from the first vocal utterance or the first musical sound the first body movement in any dance category; the first movement, gesture, utterance or musical sound
- No fire, smoke or smoke-effect will be allowed on stage at any time.
- Contestants must be available for the prequalification deadline and on Sunday October 20th. No exceptions.
- Organizers reserve the right of final decision on any matters not covered by the rules.
- Placing other than the top 3 will not be disclosed.
- I hereby consent to the use of any photographs taken of me, by or on behalf of the Waterford Lions Lioness Pumpkinfest, and any sound recordings made during the competition for the use of publicity for the Waterford Lions, Waterford Lioness or Waterford Pumpkinfest or the talent competition
- No explicit or lewd language permitted. No hypnosis, weaponry, motorized vehicles, fire, water, sharp objects or any other dangerous acts or items will be permitted. All entrants must present themselves in a professional manner.