



## 2022 FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR TALENT COMPETITION

November 3, 2022

FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR

LAKE CITY, FL

### DETAILS & INSTRUCTIONS

The following are details and instructions for the Florida Gateway Fair Talent Competition November 3, 2022. Please read carefully, answer the questions and return to us BY November 1st.

#### **SOLO / DUET ARTIST:**

#### **EACH ARTIST MUST BE PREPARED TO PERFORM UP TO 3 SONGS.**

- Artists should be ready for a total of 3 songs.
- Upon completion of all artists in the 1st round, all scores will be totaled.
- The 2nd round will include the top 10 artists.
- The 3rd rounds will include the top 5 artists.
- The 3 highest scoring artists for the final round will be determined by judges scoring with winners announced and awarded the night of competition.
- Prize Money. **1st Place - \$1000.00 Sponsored by Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, 2nd Place - \$250.00, 3rd Place - \$100.00**
- **IN THE EVENT OF A RUN OFF.** The highest scoring artists will perform 1 additional song each to determine the 3 winning artists.
- You will be judged in following categories. Marketability, Vocal/instrumental ability, Originality, Stage presence/charisma, Overall talent.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT:**

- **Cost to Enter the Florida Gateway Fair Talent Competition is \$15.00.** Each paid contestant will receive 2 free admission passes to the fair. All other family members and friends will be subject to an admission fee of \$10. To pay the entry fee Contact the Fair Office @ 386-752-8822 **on or before 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.**
- **All tracks must be on 1 CD.** (if you self burn your tracks, suggest having a back up)
  - (Please have your sound tracks in order to performance)
- Upon arrival, you must sign in (register); submit your tracks & selection order.
- **You cannot make any changes to song or order once checked in. So please make you selection prior to registering.**
- All artist will be given a line up number (order in which you will perform)
  - Order of performance will be pre determined and cannot be changed.
- Currently we are scheduled to start 6:00pm. **(TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE).**
- Check in will be between 5:00 and 5:30.

- This competition will include both Solo and Duets. We will be under strict time constraints so please be timely.
- IF YOU ARE USING AN INSTRUMENT, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPLY GUITAR CORDS, AMPS, ETC.
- WE FURNISH MICROPHONE, DI BOX AND STAGE MONITOR ONLY.
- THERE IS A \$10 ADMISSION FEE TO FAIR GROUNDS. EACH CONTESTANT WILL RECEIVE 2 FREE PASSES WITH PAID ENTRY. ALL OTHERS ARE SUBJECT TO PAY ADMISSION.

FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK.

PLEASE EMAIL ME THE FOLLOWING INFO TO: Chrissy Miller - [chrissy@floridagatewayfairgrounds.org](mailto:chrissy@floridagatewayfairgrounds.org)

- City and state you live in.
- If under 25, your age please?
- List the 3 top achievements you have accomplished with your talent / career. Please keep with minimal wording.

***VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SUBMIT THIS BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022.***

## RULES & REGULATIONS

- The talent competition is open to amateurs only. Union musicians or those whose talent provides more than 50 percent of their annual income (if income exceeds \$7500 annually) are not permitted to enter.
- Entries must be submitted through the online entry process only. No in-person submissions will be accepted.
- Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment tracks with vocal background, but there shall be no lead vocals on the track. For recorded accompaniment, a CD with only one track is recommended. It is highly suggested to bring a second CD as a backup in case of malfunctions. Due to the quality deviations in CD recorders, not all self-made CDs are readable on all machines. Ipod, I pads are acceptable as well. We are not responsible should your CD not perform properly.
- Entries will be accepted in the following categories: Vocal, Instrumental.
- Due to set-up time limitations (no longer than two minutes), acts with more than two single instruments will not be included in talent show. Lip sync is not allowed.
- Singing and Musical entries are limited to Solo or Duets ONLY!
- Each contestant will perform a total of 2 songs. One song per set (2 sets).

- Each contestant to be prepared to perform the 3rd song, should a sing-off to determine the winner is necessary.
- The performance may not exceed five minutes in length, with two minutes allowed for set-up, if any. Contestants exceeding the time limit will be disqualified.
- **Winner:** Winner will receive \$1,000.00 first-place prize - Sponsored by Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. Prize money will be in the form of a check. The winner is subject to submitting a signed W9 and will be responsible for all applicable taxes. Prize money won by a minor will be awarded to a parent or legal guardian.
- All selections must be appropriate for a family audience and may not include profanity or lewdness. NO use of fire, pyrotechnics, liquids, confetti, guns, sharp instruments or any substance or object that may prove hazardous or inappropriate.
- **Judging:** Judges Panel will consist of no less than 3 or more than five notable judges with various entertainment backgrounds. Each contestant will be judged in the following categories. Marketability, Vocal/instrumental ability, Originality, Stage presence/charisma, Overall talent. Additional bonus points (up to 3) will be awarded for contestants performing their own music.
- The Talent Show Committee shall have sole authority in selecting acts in the competition, scheduling of those selected and control over stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.
- **Complete entry form with entry fee must be received by Columbia County Resources on or before 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.**
- All contestant instruments/equipment is the sole responsibility of the contestant. Columbia County Resources, its employees or staff and/or talent show committee assumes no liability for said instruments and/or equipment.
- The house sound system and stage lights will be provided by Columbia County Resources and will be scaled to the venues use and reasonable requirements of the contestants. The talent show stage manager will have absolute control over the sound and light system. No special lighting, props or special effects may be used without the consent of the talent show committee.
- No modification to stage acts, equipment or sound is to be made by any contestant without the approval of the talent show stage manager and coordinator.
- Columbia County Resources or talent show committee assumes no responsibility for any expenses, meals, transportation or rooms of any contestant, or fair admission cost.
- Dressing rooms, green rooms, etc, are not available. We can only offer the use of a bathroom for a costume change, etc.
- Florida Gateway Fair Talent Competition may be video recorded. By submitting and paying an entry fee, you authorize Columbia County Resources, Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park and its affiliates the use of your name, image, likeness, voice, appearance, and performance either in whole or in part for promotional opportunities.

- All judges' decisions are final and scores will not be released to contestants or the public.
- Date of Competition, November 3rd.

Check-in: 5 to 5:30 pm

Participant meeting: 5:45 pm

Competition begins: 6:00 pm

For additional info or questions, Email Ryan Gambel - [Ryan@MusicLivesHere.com](mailto:Ryan@MusicLivesHere.com)