Maine's Got TALENT Rules, Guidelines & Information 2024

The Maine's Got Talent fundraising event is open to all performing artists who live or work in Maine, including out-ofstate students attending Maine schools. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three acts the night of the event. Determination of winners will be as follows: 50% audience vote and 50% celebrity judges' vote.

- First Place: \$750.00
- Second Place: \$500.00
- Third Place: \$250.00

All proceeds from Maine's Got Talent will benefit Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services, a non-profit agency in good standing with the State of Maine.

All entries must be submitted by CD, DVD, posted on You Tube or by live audition. Sandcastle asks that the content of all acts be family friendly. Auditions must be 3-5 minutes in length. Performance pieces the night of the event must not be longer than three (3) minutes in length. Information and entry forms are available online at <u>www.sandcastlemaine.org</u>, and at: 72 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston.

All entry forms MUST be accompanied by the performer's headshot (picture) and biography (80 words or less). Entries may be dropped off or mailed to Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services, 72 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston, ME 04240 or emailed to <u>info@sandcastlemaine.org</u>.

- February 24, 2024: Open Auditions from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Community Little Theater, 30 Academy Street, Auburn
- March 3, 2024: Open Auditions from 11:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Community Little Theater, 30 Academy Street, Auburn
- March 1, 2024: Video submission deadline 5:00 pm. Any entries arriving after the deadline will not be considered. Audition CDs and DVDs will be returned by mail only if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included upon submission. The applicant may also pick up their submission at Sandcastle the week following the show.
- March 8, 2024: eight finalists and two alternates announced and notified.
- March 23, 2024: mandatory pre-event meeting at Sandcastle at 1:00 pm. All finalists and alternates must attend. The order in which talent appears on stage during the event will be announced at this meeting.
- April 27, 2024: mandatory sound checks for all finalists and alternates at the Franco Center in Lewiston. Time to be determined at the pre-meeting on March 23rd.
- April 27, 2024: Maine's Got Talent reception at 6:00 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm

All proceeds to benefit Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services www.sandcastlemaine.org (207) 782-2150