

2009 MARION COUNTY FAIR TALENT SHOW

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 per person --- \$15.00 maximum per act

Junior Division: Age as of July 26, 2009— 12 and under
Registration: 10:30 AM Contest: Noon

Senior Division: Age as of July 26, 2009— 13 to 21
Registration: 6 PM Contest: 7 PM

Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category of both divisions.
1st place winners in each category of each division will represent Marion County at the 2009 Indiana State Fair Contest.

Registration closes 10 minutes before the contest begins. One person from each act must register for their group.

**Contestants may enter in only one category. Each person may only appear on the stage ONCE. A member of an act may not compete in both junior and senior divisions.

Solo Contestants **must** be a Marion County resident. In Group acts, at least one member of the act **must** be a Marion County resident. In a group act, all members must be in the same age division or the majority of the groups ages will determine the level of placement for competition.

Must use the stage (12 X 32 feet) and the sound system provided by the Marion County Fair.

**Three (3) minute time limit. Ten penalty points will be deducted from the score of any act that exceeds three minutes. In compliance with State Fair rules only a 30 second setup time is allowed for props. Timing begins: a) when music begins, when music is used, or b) at first movement or vocal utterance of performer without musical accompaniment.*

*Open to Non-Professional only. Prize money is acceptable, after the fact and donations are acceptable.

CATEGORIES

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Vocal Solo – Female	Dance Solo	Tumbling Solo-Free X only
Vocal Solo – Male	Dance Group	Tumbling Group-Free X only
Vocal Group	Novelty Solo	Clogging Solo
Instrumental Solo/Group	Novelty Group	Clogging Group

In accordance with State Fair guidelines, the Talent Show Director and judges reserve the right to assign acts to what they determine to be appropriate categories.

Music can be in the form of cassette or CD. If you need assistance with your music, please call Steve Hill at Sound Productions, 317-894-4558

For further information, you may contact Cathy Clark through the Marion County Fair Office at 353-2444.

STATE FAIR COMPETITION DATES: August 7, 8 & 9, 2009—Farm Bureau Building Auditorium
—First Place winners ONLY

Please see reverse side of this page for Category Rules

Marion County Fair reserves the right to assign contestants to what it believes to be the proper categories. Any questions shall be resolved by the Event Coordinator and the Fair President; their decision is final. The following is a list of categories and a description of each. These are the guidelines and are subject to interpretation by the Event Coordinator and President of the Marion County Fair.

Vocal Solo, Female & Male: Shall consist of a solo performance by a vocalist. Instrumental accompaniment by her or himself is allowed, but must assume the pure character of the accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. Any background vocal on tape must be minimal.

Vocal Group: Shall consist of a performance by two or more vocalists, male and/or female. Instrumental accompaniment by themselves or others is allowed, but must assume the pure character of the accompaniment. Any vocal background on tape must be minimal.

Instrumental Solo/Group: Shall consist of a solo instrumental performance by a male or female without a vocal utterance. Accompaniment allowed, but must assume the pure character of the accompaniment. The test shall be if the performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for the accompaniment.

Dance Solo: Shall consist of a solo performance by a male or female dancer without vocal utterance. Acrobatics (with a limit of two tricks), ballet, points, tap and jazz will be judged in this category. Not tumbling moves in this category are as follows: one split, one cartwheel, round off, flips and aerials and are considered as one trick each.

Dance Group: Shall consist of a performance by two or more dancers, male and/or female. Accompanists are permitted on stage, but must not assume visual importance in the performance. Acrobatics, as stated above in dance solo, will be judged in this category.

Novelty Solo: Shall consist of a solo performance by a male or female in any act that has not been previously described: such as mimes, skits, etc. This category will include acts using a combination of skill from two different categories where one skill does not stand alone. (such as singing and dancing, playing an instrument and singing, lip sync and dancing, etc..) Hand carried props only. NOTE: Props are defined as anything that is hand carried and not considered part of the performers costume. Hats, canes, feathers, so forth will be considered part of the costume and will be allowed in other categories. Limit of 2 acrobatic tricks. 30 second setup time only.

Novelty Group: Shall consist of two or more performers, male and/or female, in any act that has not been previously described. Eligibility requirements and regulations for this category are the same as novelty solo with the exception as to the number of performers.

Tumbling: (Free X only) Solo: Shall consist of a solo performance by a male or female tumbler. This category was created for the dance routines that incorporate more than two acrobatic tricks. Everyone is responsible for his/her own mats and runners. Two people per mat may place mats on stage. Tumbling moves are as follows: 1 split, or cartwheel, or 1 round off or 1 aerial or flip, etc. and are considered 1 trick each. 30 second set up time.

Tumbling: (Free X only) Group: Shall consist of two or more tumblers, male and/or female. This category is for group dance routines that incorporate more than two acrobatic tricks. Everyone is responsible for his or her own mats and runners. Two people per mat may place mats on stage. This category also includes novelty tumbling. 30 second set up time.

Clogging Solo: A solo performance by a clogger. Accompaniment music is allowed. No props are allowed.

Clogging Group: Two or more cloggers are considered a group. Accompaniment music is allowed. No props allowed.