

THE GALLO CENTER FOR THE ARTS & THE MODESTO BEE PRESENT



OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MAY 15, 2017.

Completed entry packets can be emailed to: TheValleyTalentProject@gmail.com OR mailed to TVTP Production Coordinator, Gallo Center for the Arts, 1000 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354. Entries dropped off at the Gallo Center instead of being emailed or mailed will not be considered. Please do not call the Gallo Center or The Modesto Bee.

- There is no cost to enter *The Valley Talent Project*.
- Only complete mailed or emailed application packages will be accepted and must include:
 1. One (or two) completed application forms (two max. per category).
 2. One performance DVD/CD or Video/Audio channel link (YouTube, G+, Soundcloud, etc.)
 3. One 4" x 6" photo or digital photo file.
- Submitted materials will not be returned.
- Maximum length of performance piece is 5 minutes.
- A maximum of two entries are allowed per group or individual per category (Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Specialty, Bands).
- The definition of a "BAND" for the performance award is "2 or more amplified instruments with a drum set and/or percussion instruments." The band category consists of both vocal and instrumental bands.
- Once your entry is received it will be reviewed by a selection committee.
- Participants selected for auditions will be notified by Friday, May 26, 2017 to schedule an audition
- Approximately 70 entries will be selected to audition live before a panel of judges on either Sat., June 3rd or Mon., June 5th
- Selected Finalists must attend a 2-hour mandatory orientation and photo shoot (date to be determined) and all mandatory technical rehearsals in the evenings of August 22, 23, & 24, 2017 (your individual tech rehearsal will either be scheduled on August 22nd or 23th, not on both dates).
- ALL FINALISTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL ON AUG. 24th.
- Selected Finalists will perform for an audience and a panel of arts and entertainment professionals at the Gallo Center for the Arts in two performances on Friday, August 25th at 7 pm and Saturday, August 26th at 7 pm.

WHO CAN ENTER

- All performers must be at least 10 years of age.
- All performers must reside within the Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Mariposa, and San Joaquin counties.
- All performers must be non-professionals, i.e., you may not derive 50% or more of your wages from performing.
- No off color language is allowed.
- No live animals are allowed.
- Excluding previous Grand Prize Winners, all past finalists of The Valley Talent Project and Valley's Got Talent are encouraged to submit applications for *The Valley Talent Project 2017* contest. Past Talent Achievement Award Winners may also enter but **not in their winning category (soloist, duet, band, etc.)**. Past winning vocal, dance, instrumental, and specialty **soloists** cannot enter as a soloist nor can past ensemble winners enter as an ensemble but can as a solo, duet, or small group.
- **Performers must not be an employee or an immediate family member of an employee of the Gallo Center for the Arts or The Modesto Bee.**

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Performances must be totally self-contained.
- A piano, microphone, and sound system will be provided by Gallo Center for the Arts.
- Props are permissible; however the placement of the props must be completed within 2 minutes. All props must clear the stage immediately following the performance. No littering of the stage is allowed.
- No coaching is allowed during the audition or live performances.

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APPLICATION PACKAGE INSTRUCTIONS

A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE consists of:

1. One (or two) completed TVTP Application For (two applications max. per category)
2. A performance DVD/CD or a link to an Audio/Video Channel Service (YouTube, Vimeo, G+, Soundcloud, etc.)
3. One 4" x 6" (or larger) photo or digital photo file.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

TO EMAIL: Please put the applicant's name in the subject line and attach (1) your application form (preferably in PDF format) and (2) your digital photo file (jpeg) to the email. A direct link to your Video/Audio channel or to the video/song your submitting would be VERY helpful in the email but just make sure it is written on your application form correctly.

Email your application to: TheValleyTalentProject@gmail.com *All emailed applications will be confirmed by email within 24 hours after processing.

TO MAIL: Please put the application materials in a large enough envelope to accommodate the size of the materials and postmarked on or before May 15, 2017. Submitted materials become property of the Gallo Center for the Arts and will not be returned. Mailed applications will not be confirmed by email unless selected to audition. Send your completed application and entry materials to:

TVTP Production Coordinator

GALLO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

1000 I Street

Modesto, CA 95354

***Emails dated or packages postmarked later than May 15, 2017 will not be considered.**

General information about the Application Form, Performance CDs, DVDs, YouTube Links and Required Photo:

- **You must list an email address and be able to check that email regularly.** All TVTP audition notification and production information will be sent via email only. An application without an email address will not be processed.
- Completely fill out the application form legibly, preferably typed or neatly printed. Incomplete and/or unreadable forms will not be processed.
- If the entry is from a small group, ensemble, or band please list **all** of the performers full names, ages, and dates of birth.
- If you are performing music, please list the song title, the composer(s) and lyricist(s). Entries using prerecorded music are also required to state the recording artist.
- A maximum of two entries are allowed per individual or performance group per category (vocal, dance, etc.). Performers may enter multiple categories.
- Maximum length of each performance piece is 5 minutes. Pieces over 5 minutes will not be considered.
- Submitted DVD/CD or the online video/song from your Audio/Video Channel should include only your entry piece.
- Unreadable CD's/DVD's will not be processed and the applicant will not be notified. Please make sure that your entry CD or DVD plays on more than one CD or DVD player to ensure its readability.
- Please write the complete link to your Audio/Video Channel CLEARLY and LEGIBLY on your application form. Please also include (1) the name of your Audio/Video Channel, (2) the audio/video title, and (3) the name of the performer, if different from applicant (same performer but performs under a different name).
- The required photo must be at least 4" x 6" (or larger) (OR a digital file) and show the face(s) of the performer(s). A professional headshot (or group shot) is preferred.

***PHONE CALLS TO THE GALLO CENTER OR TO THE MODESTO BEE BEFORE OR AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN A CANCELLATION OF YOUR ENTRY. ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE VALLEY TALENT PROJECT SHOULD BE EMAILED TO:**

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