



## The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Talent Show Information & Permission Slip

### Purpose

The purpose of the FHM Student Talent Show is consistent with the school's philosophy that utilizes a variety of materials and instructional approaches, striving to challenge each student to critical and creative thinking, while continuing to strengthen relationships with our families and the community.

Creativity, hard work, and problem-solving skills required for participation in the Talent Show are beneficial to a student's overall education. Competition can also be healthy, provided it is undertaken with fairness, enforced with consistency, and tempered by compassion. Be assured that every effort is taken to ensure a beneficial learning experience for all involved. Above all, have fun preparing and performing acts for fellow students and community members of Free Horizon Montessori!

For more information about the Student Talent Show, please contact Ms. Kresta Vuolo at extension 233 or [kvuolo@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:kvuolo@jeffco.k12.co.us) or Mr. Tony Schiess at [rschiess@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:rschiess@jeffco.k12.co.us).

### Rules and Information

#### Important Dates & Times

- Audition Forms must be turned in at the time of audition.
- Students must sign up for an audition on the list on Mr. Tony's door.
- Auditions for all performers will be held on Wed. April 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:00 pm and Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. NO ALTERNATIVE TIMES OR MEANS FOR AUDITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- The list of acts accepted to perform will be posted at the school and included in the Fox Flash by Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the Pomona High School theatre. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to attend the dress rehearsal will result in the act being dropped from the performance lineup. A pizza dinner will be served to all performers only at approximately 6:15 pm.
- The Talent Show Performance is on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in the Pomona High School theatre from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. ALL PERFORMERS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PERFORMANCE.
- Admission to the performance will be \$4.00 per person in advance/\$5.00 at the door, which will cover the costs associated with the Student Talent Show and include paying the high school student tech crew and a donation to Pomona High School's Catwalk Theatre Company in gratitude for the use of their space. Additional funds will go to support performing arts and clubs at Free Horizon Montessori.

#### Entering for Auditions

1. Any student currently attending Free Horizon Montessori is eligible to audition.
2. Individuals or groups may audition.
3. Students must complete and submit the attached Performer Information Sheet and Parental Consent in order to audition. All group performance sheets should be submitted together.
4. All performers must audition in person to be considered for performance in the Talent Show. Timely transportation must be secured for all after school events including the audition, and dress rehearsal/performance.
5. The list of acts accepted into the Talent Show will be posted by April 26<sup>th</sup> & sent home via email.
6. All selected acts must attend the Dress Rehearsal for the entire time (3:00 – 5:30 pm).
7. All selected acts must attend the Talent Show and stay for the entire performance.

#### Evaluation

1. Judges from the Free Horizon Montessori faculty will complete evaluation of acts for the auditions.
2. **Acts should be performance ready at the time of the audition.** This includes costumes, music, memorization, blocking, choreography, etc. Everything should be presented exactly as it will be the night of the show.

- Judges will use the scoring rubric below to rate the acts. The highest average scoring acts will be selected to perform in the Talent Show. **DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**
- The age of the performers will be considered during scoring. Students of all ages are encouraged to audition.
- Two to three judges will complete the scoring rubrics for each act.

<b>SCORING RUBRIC</b>	
Talent	5 Points Possible (ability, expertise, skill, proficiency, polish)
Showmanship	3 Points Possible (poise, projection, adaptability, stage presence)
Costume/Staging	2 Points Possible (creativity, appropriateness, continuity, special effects)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10 Points Possible</b>

## Rules & Guidelines

- Acts are limited to five (5) minutes in length, including set up, performance, and exit. For everyone's sake, this time limit will be strictly observed.
- Acts may include, but are not limited to, dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, acting, miming, comedy, magic, martial arts display, performing physical feats. Be creative! The greater variety, the better!
- Each act must be rated "G" and appropriate for audiences of all ages. This means **no inappropriate language (even in song lyrics)**, no violence, no gore, and no mature themes. Acts containing or depicting vulgar, violent, unsafe, discriminatory, or otherwise inappropriate material of any kind will be eliminated from consideration for performance. Err on the side of caution – the Judges' decisions are final.
- Contestants chosen to perform must use the same act, costume, and set in the show that they used at the audition.
- Every effort will be made to adequately amplify performers' sound, however, FHM has access to a limited supply of microphones. All special audio arrangements should be made before auditions.
- Auditions are closed to parents, guardians, relatives, friends, sponsors, etc. **No exceptions.** Only performers and judges may watch auditions.
- No live animals shall be allowed in any performance.
- Performers must furnish any music or equipment needed for their act for the audition, dress rehearsal, and show. Please label any recorded musical accompaniment with your name, group's name, and the title of the act/song, and where to find it on the CD. **If you have music on an iPod or similar device, please bring speakers and your own amplification mechanism to auditions.**
- Contestants may not have any on-stage assistance from non-participants, except as noted below.
  - If a student assists a performer on stage, the act is considered a group performance and all participants must complete the Performer Information Sheet and Parental Consent.
  - Parents may only accompany performers backstage if they are assisting in a way that cannot be fulfilled with our high school student stage crew. Our high school stage crew members are experienced at what they do and truly enjoy all aspects of that work.
  - EXCEPTION:** Non-students may assist on stage for the purpose of musically accompanying an individual or group. This circumstance must be noted on the Performer Information Sheet. Performers' scores will not be positively affected by the performance of a musical accompanist.
- For acts that involve singing, no recorded musical accompaniment may have lead vocals on it at all. Background vocals may not exceed more than 50% of the duration of a song in order to provide judges ample time to hear the performer's actual voice. You can find background accompaniment CD's at Rockley's Music on west Colfax.
- Performers may participate in one act only. The exception to this is that a students performing with a school-sponsored group (such as a classroom or After School Enrichment Program) may perform in one act in addition to the school-sponsored group performance(s).**
- Parents and guardians understand and agree that their child must remain for the entire assigned time of dress rehearsal and the entire show performance. Neither performers nor audience members may leave prior to the end of the show. This is a matter of performance respect and etiquette.
- In order to facilitate timely stage entrances and exits, all student performers will sit together in the designated area of the theatre. FHM staff members will sit with them and help remind them when it is time for them to go backstage. Parents/guardians and other friends and loved ones may not sit in the performers' queuing area.
- Acts must be performed in the Talent Show EXACTLY as they were performed at the audition and dress rehearsal. This includes costumes, instruments, props, recordings, scenery, and accompanists. Dress the same at the dress rehearsal as at the audition, and the same in the performance as in the dress rehearsal. Judges make their final decision based on the act performed at auditions, thus the same act must be performed at the dress rehearsal and the Talent Show.
- Pre-recorded music may be used but must be submitted on a CD format or on an iPod and should be set at the STARTING POINT for the audition, dress rehearsal, and performance.
  - Music should be clearly marked with the proper starting point identified, the name of the actor/performer, and the name of the song.
  - Please make copies of CD's, as there is no guarantee of music being returned. No cassette tapes or record albums will be accepted.
  - Performers may pick up their music CD's from the front desk at school through Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Vocalists may have up to two (2) accompanists; instrumentalists may have one (1). Accompanists do not have to be students. Accompanists must be able to carry their instrument on/off stage, except the keyboard. A keyboard and microphone will be available. There may or may not be a piano available. All other equipment must be supplied by the auditioning acts.
- Our venue rules prohibit glitter, even on costumes. Thus no glitter is permitted.

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## Performer Information Sheet – Due at Audition - Parent Signature Required.

**NOTE:** Each performer must complete their own form. If you are performing with a group, please staple each individual's form together with the entire group and turn them in together as one act. Please print neatly. All items must be complete, as this information will be used to complete the show program for acts selected to perform. **Phone calls and emails cannot count as consent!**

Student Name:			
Grade:		Class:	
Age:		Home Phone Number:	
Parent/Guardian Name			
Parent's Cell:		Parent's Email:	
Other Group Members (if applicable – each must submit own form; all forms from group must be submitted together):			
Name of Act:			
Length of Act (5 minutes or less, including set up, performance, and exit) – Please Time It!		Description of Act (include all pertinent information concerning type of talent involved, costumes, set, props, audio information, etc. Use additional paper if necessary)	
Musical Piece Title (if applicable):			
Composer/Songwriter (if applicable):			
Musical Performer (if applicable):			

**Student Consent:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understand, and agree to abide by all rules outlined for the FHM 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Talent Show.

**Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Parental Consent for the 9th Annual FHM Student Talent Show

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/legal guardian of participant,  
\_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent/give my consent for participation in the Free Horizon Montessori 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Talent Show, which includes the audition, and, if selected to perform, the dress rehearsal and performance. If my child is selected to perform, I grant permission for my child to participate in the Talent Show and agree to provide transportation to both the Dress Rehearsal and Talent Show. I understand that Judges' decisions are final. I will assist my child in getting all music, props, etc. to the audition, dress rehearsal, and performance. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from all events and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless Free Horizon Montessori School, Pomona High School, the Pomona Catwalk Theatre Company, Jeffco Public Schools, its contractors, volunteers and any sponsoring agency, for any claim arising out of any loss or injury that my child or I might sustain while engaged in this program. I understand that neither the Schools nor District provide insurance and are not responsible for the medical condition of the participant. I agree to release photographs, audio and visual recording of the participant for the promotion of Free Horizon Montessori, Pomona High School, Pomona Catwalk Theatre Company, and/or Jeffco Public Schools pursuant to Jeffco Policy **JRA/JRC**. I have read the Rules and Guidelines and agree to abide by the requirements of participation therein. I acknowledge that this serves multiple purposes, including providing educational opportunities for participants, and fund raising opportunities for the Free Horizon Montessori performing arts and Clubs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being contacted about volunteering to help with the Student Talent Show.

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Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

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Parent/Guardian Name Printed

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Parent/Guardian Email

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Parent/Guardian Cell Phone