

RAISE THE ROOF TALENT SEARCH & COMPETITION OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES 2016

HOW TO ENTER

Begin by reading the following rules in their entirety!

ELIGIBILITY

1. For minor participants -parental and guardian responsibilities:
 - It is required that a minor **participant must have his or her parent's or legal guardian's permission by signing the required documents.**
 - A parent or legal guardian must accompany minor participants at the time of competition.
 - A third-party (such as a coach or director) may accompany the minor participant to the competition by providing a signed release from the parent or legal guardian.
2. Employees, directors, board members, and representatives of Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation (SCHF), together with immediate family members (spouse or children), and those living in the same household of such persons (whether or not related), are not eligible to participate in the Contest.

PERFORMANCE CATEGORIES

Individual Performance Categories:

- Voice
- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Comedy

Group Performance Categories (3 or more)

- Voice
- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Comedy

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

Participants (Acts) whose performances violate any of the requirements may be deemed ineligible and their submission may be void at the contest **administrator's sole discretion.**

1. The length of each performance **MUST NOT** exceed three (3) minutes. Failure to comply with the time limit may result in disqualification.
2. Performance must include members of the Act **ONLY.**

3. The contest administrator reserves the right to limit the number of acts in each category.
4. If singing or playing an instrument, the Act must perform live and not lip-sync or pretend to play the instrument.
5. Singers may sing to musical accompaniment including the following:
 - CD (**no DVD's**). A sound system that includes a CD player, microphones, and speakers will be provided.
 - Other musical accompaniment provided by the singer.
 - A piano will be available.
6. All Acts must adhere to the following guidelines regarding material content, age appropriate dress and choreography.
 - Material of all Acts must be age appropriate to the age of the participant.
 - Material of all Acts cannot be sexually explicit, obscene, pornographic, or violent including relating to murder, the sale of weapons, cruelty, or abuse.
 - Material of all Acts cannot be offensive, threatening, contain profane language, or be harassing.
 - Costuming in all acts must be age appropriate, not too revealing or obscene.
 - Dance choreography cannot contain more than 25% tumbling.
 - Dance choreography cannot have sexually explicit movement.
7. Contest administrator has the right, in their sole discretion, to disqualify an Act, and remove such Act from the competition, if the **Act's behavior is deemed by the** contest administrator to be disruptive, cause damage to other persons, property of SCHF, or is judged as disruptive in any manner with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass others.

CONTEST JUDGING

1. Competitions will be judged by a panel of professional industry artists (judging panel). All decisions of the judging panel and the administrator are final.
2. Contestants will be scored on a one hundred percent (100%) scale based on the following four criteria:
 - Entertainment Value & Appeal: 30%
 - Creativity: 30%
 - Ability: 30%
 - Audience participation: 10%

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Preliminary competition judges will select no more than three (3) Acts in each individual category and no more than three (3) Acts in each group category, in each age group to advance to the semi-finals, and reserve the right to advance fewer to the semi-finals.
2. In the event of a tie score for a position in the semi-finals, the preliminary competition judges may advance only one or both of the Acts who have tied for the semi-finals.

SEMI-FINAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. The semi-finals judging panel will select one winning Act in each category to advance to the Finale.

FINALE GUIDELINES

1. For the Finale, it is not required for the participant to perform the same material as in the preliminary and semi-final competitions.
2. The time limit for each act will remain the same.
3. The Grand Prize winner will be announced at the end of the Finale competition.

ADDITIONAL CONTEST RULES

1. Submitted promotional material rights:
 - In consideration of a performance being reviewed and evaluated for this Contest, each member of each act hereby grants to SCHF the non-exclusive, irrevocable, universal license to use, copy, sublicense, transmit, distribute, publicly perform, publish, delete or display such performance, or any portion thereof, including to the extent applicable (a) any information, biographical data, and material submitted by an act in connection with the Contest; and (b) all graphics, statements, and quotations of, by, or furnished by any member of the act as part **of this contest (the 'material'), in any media now known or hereafter devised** including, but not limited to all forms of television media, electronic media, and all forms of internet and wireless protocol.
 - Each member of each act understands and agrees that his or her name and other material may be posted on the Contest website in connection with the Contest. Acts agree that the SCHF have no obligation to post its material on the Contest website. Each member of each act releases the SCHF, and their assignees and licensees, from any and all claims or liability (now known or hereafter arising), including but not limited to any claims for defense and/or indemnity, in connection therewith.

- In addition, by participating in the Contest and providing an entry, each member of each act hereby grants permission (except where prohibited by law) for the SCHF **to use participant's** entry, name, likeness, voice, quotes, comments, biographical information, photograph and/or image for the purpose of advertising, trade, or promotion without further compensation or consideration in any and all media now known upon request, to the giving of consent (by a parent or legal guardian if necessary), in writing, to all such uses. Except as required by law or permitted pursuant to these Contest official rules, the SCHF will not share an **act's information with any third parties**.

2. Prizes

- In connection with the prizes for winning the Contest, contest administrators may in their sole discretion, provide monetary prizes, subject to availability and other conditions.
- All federal, state, and local taxes, and any other costs and expenses, associated with the receipt or use of the prize are the sole responsibility of the winner.
- Winners cannot assign or transfer the prizes or grand prize to another person or act, except at the sole discretion of contest administrator.
- Administrator and SCHF shall have no responsibility or liability for cancellations, delays, or any other change by any company or person providing any element of prizes due to reasons beyond the control of the administrator and SCHF.
- Administrator and SCHF are not responsible or liable for any expenses incurred as a consequence thereof.
- Appearance in SCHF Raise the Roof Talent Search & Competition (RRTSC) has no cash equivalent value.
- RRTSC is subject to cancellation and scheduling delays. If RRTSC is not in production or is cancelled for any reason, no additional compensation or substitute for the grand prize will be awarded.
- Other restrictions may apply.
- The Grand Prize is awarded without warranty of any kind, express or implied, without limitation.

3. Indemnity:

A third party or parties may also promote the Contest. Each member of each act shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the SCHF, any promotional partners, and each of their respective parents, affiliates, successors, assigns and licensees, and each of their respective employees, shareholders, officers, directors, contractors, agents and representatives from and against any and all liability, claims, loss, damage, injury or

expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any third party action arising out of or resulting from (i) Act's participation in the Contest, (ii) a breach or allegation which if true would constitute a breach, of any of Act's representations, warranties or obligations herein, and/or (iii) acceptance, possession, or use/misuse of any grant or prize (or any portion thereof, including any travel related thereto), including without limitation, personal injury, death and property damage arising therefrom.

4. General Terms and Conditions:

By participating, each Act agrees that the SCHF and each of their respective agents, representatives, parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries and legal advisors, and each of their respective employees, shareholders, officers, and directors are not responsible or liable for, and shall be released and held harmless from any actions relating to the Contest other than intentional torts, including but not limited to the following: (i) late, lost, delayed damaged, incomplete, illegible, unintelligible, misdirected or otherwise undeliverable mail, postage-due notices, release forms, affidavits or other correspondence; (ii) telephone, electronic, hardware or software program, network, internet or computer malfunctions, failures, or difficulties of any kind; (iii) any condition caused by events beyond the control of the SCHF that may cause the Contest to be disrupted or corrupted; (iv) any printing, human, typographical or other errors or ambiguities in (or involving) any materials associated with the Contest; (v) any and all losses, damages, rights, claims and actions of any kind in connection with or resulting from participation in the Contest; (vi) acceptance, possession, or use of any grant or prize (or any portion thereof, including any travel related thereto), including without limitation, personal injury, death and property damage arising there from; and (vii) claims based on publicity rights, defamation or invasion of privacy.

5. Contest Cancellation

SCHF reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to suspend or cancel the Contest at any time for any reason, including, without limitation, if a computer virus, bug or other technical problem corrupts the administration, security, or proper conduct of the Contest, strikes, lock-outs, acts of God, technical difficulties, and other events not within the reasonable control of SCHF. SCHF may suspend or discontinue the Contest if, in their sole opinion, there is any actual or suspected tampering relating to the Contest, or any other malfunction, event or activity that may affect the integrity of the Contest. SCHF, OR OTHER CONTEST ENTITIES, SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO AWARD ANY PRIZE THAT RELATES TO OR ARISES OUT OF IMPROPER OR MISTAKEN PRIZE NOTIFICATION, OPERATION OR FUNCTION OF THIS CONTEST.

REGISTRATION

1. Registration forms can be submitted in one of the following ways:
 - Registration forms are available at www.southernculture.org and in the SCHF Business Office. Questions, call 601.631.2997.
 - Print the form and mail completed form and entry fee(s) to: SCHF, 1302 Adams Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180.
 - Print the form and bring completed form along with entry fee(s) to the SCHF Business Office.
2. Identification:
 - Participants are required to present a photo ID on the day of competition.
 - **Minor contestants without a driver's license may use a school photo ID AND a birth certificate with matching name.**
 - **If the minor is too young to have any form of photo ID, then that minor's parent or guardian should present a photo ID and the child's birth certificate that includes the parent's name with the child's name on the certificate.**

COMPETITION DATES & TIMES

All competitions will be held in the SCHF Auditorium.

Competition Check-in Times:

At least one week prior to the Preliminary Competition day, you will receive your check-in time by the email provided on your entry form.

Preliminary Competition:

Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 6:00pm

Semi-Final Competition:

Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2:00pm

SCHF Talent Competition FINALE:

Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 6:00pm