

Information pack for teachers

Chase the Stage Events at

TALENT FEST UK

Presents



SCHOOL FEST 2014

The Performing Arts Competition for Schools
Open to instrumentals, vocals, musical theatre, acting &
dance

Primary & Secondary Categories

Any School in the UK can enter (includes all public,
private, academies & special schools)

***Important information about the concept of School Fest**

A pilot project took place in 2010 in Glasgow and Ayrshire with the support of the relevant Education Authorities in Scotland. The twenty participating schools were enthusiastic and enjoyed being able to demonstrate their performing arts to a wider audience. Teachers enthused about seeing the other schools perform. Since that time there have been numerous meetings with staff in performing arts to finalise this new concept. We would also like to give our thanks to East Renfrewshire Council for supporting us in finalizing the details for the 2014 competition- School Fest.

WHAT IS TALENT FEST UK?

Talent Fest UK is a unique concept that was created by experts who among them have many years of experience in the performance industry.

The festival will provide up-and-coming talent with an opportunity to improve and enhance their skills whilst gaining constructive feedback from experienced professionals about furthering their career.

Talent Fest UK will work in conjunction with a number of high-profile performers, members of the entertainment industry and educational professionals to deliver a fantastic programme of exciting and informative events.

There will be six Talent Fest Events in the UK in 2014

North West of England 22nd & 23rd March - Paradise Room Blackpool Pleasure Beach

North East of England 29th & 30th March - Bamburgh Suite Newcastle United Football Club

London & South of England 26th & 27th April - Priestfield Stadium Gillingham Kent

Wales 17th & 18th May – Chepstow Race Course

Scotland 31st May & 1st June – Hilton Grosvenor Glasgow

Northern Ireland 7th & 8th June – Belfast City Halls

The Grand Talent Fest Party with National Competition and School Fest Finals –
Sunday 28th September

Each festival will be an inclusive, fun-filled weekend targeted at talented applicants, performers, visitors and exhibitors who love the entertainment industry. In addition to the action, there will be a performance stage where established artists will showcase their talent and a screen with a judging area where the school performance footage will be shown

The festival will include;

- **School Fest**
- Seminars
- A National Talent Competition
- Workshops
- Industry Trade Exhibition
- Performance Showcase Stage
- Interview sofa and film crew
- Local & National Radio



School Fest 2014

This is a unique concept open to all Schools in the UK

The Competition & who can enter

1. Any School in the UK can enter (includes all public, private, academies & special schools)
2. Final judging can be accessed by webcam at a Talent Fest UK in each region for those unable to travel.
3. This competition is to encourage a diversity of entrants and styles.
4. The competition encourages multiple skills usage and development in line with the aspirations of current education policy (e.g. Curriculum for Excellence in Scotland, Citizenship curriculum in England, Wales & Northern Ireland).
5. Schools would be offered assistance on how to make this interaction a project for pupils with a variety of choices e.g. how to set up their own talent competition or film the end of term show and edit it.
6. Pupils can be encouraged to be in charge of all elements. This allows schools, should they wish to do so, to use an approach which would link with enterprise, financial management, co-operative working, publicity media, music, and stage skills.

How to enter

1. Schools can enter the School Fest by using the internet as a medium for interaction.
2. Entries can be sent via youtube or a web link with video footage of the school's top talent.
3. This footage will initially be judged privately by an experienced panel of judges from the performance industry who will then choose finalists who go through to one of the Talent Fest UK showcases in between March and June 2014 (see dates on Talent Fest UK 'dates' page)
4. All schools will receive an acknowledgement to confirm receipt of entry followed by a certificate of entrance following their actual submission
5. The schools will provide 15 minutes footage of performances by their chosen entrants. Although multiple cameras may be employed and editing to achieve

correct timings to encourage media skills, there must be no 'creative editing' as it should be representative of the performance alone. A live performance may be from a school talent competition, a special performance or an end of term show arranged by the school.

6. This can be any performance from January 2013 to end of April 2014
7. The schools will receive back positive criticism on a written form and this will inform the school if their footage will be shown at the next stage. This will then be shown live at a Talent Fest UK (10 schools per Festival)
8. The winning schools chosen in each region will be asked to agree for their footage to be shown via the website with written agreement from all the families via the Head Teacher of the school
9. The finalists school entry footage will be shown (large screen) for competitor and spectator viewing whilst being played on-line via webcam and judging times will be sent to the final 10 schools chosen in advance of the event
10. The live judging comments will be visible to all involved.
11. The results will be given at the end of the weekend, as an exciting climax to the whole Talent Fest UK and posted on the Chase the Stage events and Talent Fest UK website
12. There is No Entry Fee for this competition
13. The school would, however, agree to distribute information provided by Chase the Stage UK, to all talented pupils in the school so that they can attend the live event and participate individually in the workshops or live competitions.
14. Teachers will receive free entry ticket to the 2 day Talent Fest UK (max 4 per school)
15. The footage of the overall winner from each region (six finalists in total) will be shown on a screen as part of the Grand Talent Fest UK Party. The National School Fest 2014 overall winner will be then be announced and presented with the trophy and overall prize.
16. For further information, please go to the School Fest Page on www.chasthestage.com

When to Enter

Entries can be sent anytime from January 1st 2013 – April 30th 2014 and will be reviewed on a first come first served basis.

Schools can register to secure their place in the competition and submit footage at a later date

The School Fest Registration Form is online at www.chasthestage.com