

2023 Hopkins Got Talent

Performer Registration Rules & Guidelines

(Updated 12/6/22)

Competition Date:

Saturday, February 4th (no age restrictions)

*(The make-up/snow date, if the initial contest date gets canceled due to weather, would be Sunday, February 5th @ 2pm)

Time: 6pm

Location: Hopkins Middle School Cafetorium

- 15 minute intermission with concessions available courtesy of the Vocal Music Boosters

1st Prize Winner--\$400

2nd Place Cash Prize--\$200

3rd Place Cash Prize--\$100

All cash prizes will be announced and awarded at the end of the competition.

Tickets:

- \$7 advanced tickets on sale **beginning January 18th** in Middle School & High School offices
- \$10 tickets at the door the evening of the competition
- Tickets are available ***online*** **beginning January 18th** (Credit Cards accepted):
<https://Hopkins.ludus.com/200431197> or Scan the QR Code below:

* *Tickets purchased online will be printed and ready for pickup, under the name of the purchaser, at the ticket table the evening of the show*

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Basic Rules for Audience & Voting:

- ***Audience VOTE determines the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes***
(one ticket = one vote)
- HGT Voting Ballots will be passed out to each audience member/ticket holder as they walk through the door. Ballots will be multiple choice style and will be listed by act number.
 - One ticket = One vote
 - A voting ballot will be exchanged for each ticket as patrons walk through the cafetorium doors.
- Voting is open from the end of the first performance through the final performance of the night.
- All Ballots must be submitted to one of the official/secure Vocal Music Booster Ballot Boxes located inside the M.S. Cafetorium during show nights.
- Ballots will be counted at the end of the show, results will be announced and awarded from the stage after the final "Minute to Win It" audience challenge is finished.
- Appropriate audience participation is encouraged--Negative Comments or Outbursts (heckling) will result in dismissal from watching or participating in the show.

Contestant Registration:

- **Registration Opens: December 7th, 2022 & Closes on, or before, January 17th, 2023.**
- **Limit of 22 Acts per competition** (plus an additional TWO “Wildcard Acts” that would take the place of any cancellations)
- **Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis—Full payment and fully completed registration form must be turned in together to be considered registered.**
- **Registration Fees for 2022-2023 are set at \$30 per act.**
- REFUNDS will NOT be given for Cancellations. However, “Wild Card Acts” will receive a full refund of their registration costs if their act does NOT end up performing. All overflow registrations/entry fees (those registrations turned-in after the 22 acts limit has been reached) will be refunded/returned to those applicants.
- Contestants that are accepted into the show will receive EMAIL confirmation by **January 18th, 2023**. **Wildcard** and “Overflow” participants will also be notified that day as well.

****The paper registration page AND PAYMENT must be in-hand at the Hopkins Middle School Office no later than 3pm, on January 17th, 2023 or before. Checks can be made out to “Hopkins Vocal Music Boosters”**

Contestant Rules:

- The night of the contest, each contestant must check-in at our *Backstage Contestants Table* **sometime between 5pm and 5:30pm**. If you do not check in before 5:45pm, your spot will be given away to one of the standby **Wildcard Acts**.
- **Wildcard Acts** should report as a performer prior to the contest—by 5:30pm at the latest. **Wildcard Acts** will be notified by 5:35pm if there will be an open spot for them or not that night and whether they will be able to perform or not that evening.
- Each HGT Act is limited to about **4 minutes or less** to display their talent.
- Set up time between each act will be limited to 2 minutes, or less, per Act.

❖ **Two “Open Stage” practice nights** will be made available to contestants if they wish to rehearse on the M.S. stage with stage equipment, microphones, lights, etc. **Those two evenings will be February 1st & 2nd, both from 3:30pm-7pm**. If there are other contestants waiting to practice, each practice session will be limited to 10 mins. of rehearsal time on stage for those two dates. Feel free to submit any background tracks or other show materials to Mr. Oaster on, or before, these two “Open Stage” evenings.

- If a contestant wishes to use a background track for their act, they should submit it to Mr. Jacob Oaster, Director, **prior to the contest date**. We accept background tracks in the following media styles: Electronic (flashdrive or SD card) .MP3, .MP4, or .WAV format files, or Hardcopy Compact Disc (CD). Whichever media style your track is submitted, please label your file/CD/media card with your first and last name. **Emailing or submitting your tracks to JacoOast@hpsvikings.org far in advance is deemed the best option to make sure your track get correctly downloaded and get tested prior/used correctly for your act.**

Contestant Rules *continued*:

- All songs, content, attire being worn, and/or movements in an act must be school appropriate and considered “PG” or “G” rating in all aspects. Acts that do not follow this rule will be asked to leave the stage and will be disqualified from the competition.
- Contestants **ARE** allowed to alter or change the content of their act (name of song/piece they are performing, number of microphones needed, etc.) **up until 24 HOURS PRIOR to the contest**. All aspects of each performer’s act will be confirmed at check-in.

“Minute to Win It” (MTWI) Drawings & Contests:

- **THREE “Minute to Win It” contests/drawings will be held each night/show:**
 - **One MTWI Drawing & Contest will be held just before Intermission.**
 - **Two Additional Drawings & MTWI Contests will be held at the conclusion of the Talent Contest—during the vote tallying period.**
- Cash Prizes will be awarded to MTWI contest winners! (\$25 or \$50 amounts)
- MTWI tickets are on Sale from BEFORE the show thru the last contestant performance.
- **Audience Participation**—Audience members and contestants alike can purchase as many MTWI tickets as they want to be entered in the drawings to compete for the cash prizes.
- Tickets for each MTWI game will be drawn from the purchased MTWI tickets stubs and **SIX contestants per game** will be invited up on stage to compete for the cash prizes (3 games total that evening).
- **MTWI drawing Ticket Pricing:** \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or a “wingspan” of tickets for \$20
- If your MTWI ticket gets drawn, you or a chosen representative may compete for the cash prize.