

Willard School's 12th Annual Talent Show

Be a Part of It . . .



**Friday, March 19, 2010
7:00 P.M.
at Concord-Carlisle High School**

PHILOSOPHY

The Willard Talent Show was established so that Willard School students could experience the challenges and excitement involved in the performing arts. Although the talent show can be a fun social event, it is considered a valuable educational experience and so the goals and expectations for each student are high.

The following information was created to educate and encourage you to participate in this unique performing arts opportunity.

FAQ



Where do I start?

Brainstorm performance ideas with family and friends on skits, music, costumes and more. Think about your hobbies and how you might be able to perform them for an audience. Perhaps you take a martial arts class, or know how to double-dutch jump rope. You can execute your patterns and moves to music by yourself or with a group. Use your imagination! Use the theme of the show to help you; think about what "Green House Rock" means to you. Be sure to begin planning and practicing right away so you are prepared for Preview Day.

Who can perform?

The Talent Show is intended to showcase the talents of current Willard students, so please focus your act appropriately. Please note that only people and not animals can perform.

What about backstage help?

Willard Students in Fifth Grade can assist backstage. To encourage a high level of participation, only non-performers may help backstage. The limited number of positions will be filled by a lottery, drawn from the registration forms that are submitted by **Monday, January 25**. Applicants who are not chosen for the crew can register to perform by **Wednesday, February 3**.

What kind of time commitment should I expect?

In addition to the mandatory Preview Day and Dress Rehearsal, performers need to spend enough time rehearsing, before and after Preview Day, to feel confident and look "professional." Stage Crew must attend the mandatory Stage Crew meeting during the week of March 1-4 (date to be announced) and Dress Rehearsal. Refreshment Crew members need only attend the night of the show, arriving at 6:40 pm.

How much time do I have for my act?

The limit for all acts is **1 and ½ minutes**. Your act will be timed at the Preview Day, so please plan to finish within this limit. If your act uses recorded music, on Preview Day you must bring your music CD with your music edited to 1 and ½ minutes or less.

Resources

If you are singing and would like to record your voice onto your CD, the [high school radio station](#) has helped with that in the past. They may even edit your music for you. Contact them at [978-318-1400](tel:978-318-1400) directly for more information. Another option is to download free music editing software from <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/> so you can edit music yourself. Or, you can make an appointment with [Ms. Chicco](#), and she can help you edit your music in the Willard library. (You will need to email the file to someone who can help you save it on a CD.)

Can I lip-sync?

The talent show has grown to be very successful because we have worked hard to guide Willard students through a performing arts experience. It is the committee's opinion that lip-syncing does not provide the arts education that we are striving for; therefore there is no lip-syncing in this show.



How do I register?

To Perform:

Have your Act Captain complete the *Performer Registration form* (one form per act).

To Be on the Stage Crew or Refreshment Crew:

Fill out the *Stage Crew Registration form*.

Drop the form in the box by the Willard School office
by **Monday, January 25**, for *Stage Crew and Refreshment Crew*,
and by **Wednesday, February 3**, for Performers.

How can parents help make the show a success?

We request that each student's parent or guardian volunteer in some way if your child participates in the show. Families move on and new volunteers are the only way for this tradition to be maintained and passed down. Volunteer opportunities include assisting as Preview Day volunteer, a Set Parent, or a Backstage Manager. Please contact any Talent Show Committee member about how you can help. Your participation is a great way to show your child your support. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS

Parents of registered participants will receive all communications via email and the Willard Weekly. We will not use your email address for any other purpose. To contact the Talent Show Committee, please use this address: talentinfo@willardptg.org.

WILLARD SCHOOL TALENT SHOW COMMITTEE

Artistic Director

Sally Bowen

Producer & Stage Manager

Liza Carey

Communications & Registration Directors

Jane Torpie & Melissa Wahl

Faculty Act Directors

Sally Bowen & Siobhan Smith

Lighting and Audio

Alan Budris

Photographers

Jack Brumm & Christine Evans

Videographer

Andrew Evans

Videography Post-Production

Andrew Evans

Set Parent Managers

AJ Griswold & Suzy Nemec

Backstage Managers

Barrett Ladd, Pamela Loos & Kim Patenaude

Ticket Coordinator

Ruthy Bennett

PR Manager

Charles Spofford

Graphic Designer

Janet Maslow

Refreshment Coordinator

Michelle Maione

Masters of Ceremonies

Alicia Cleary & Charles Spofford

