

Willard School's 14th Annual Talent Show

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IMPORTANT UPDATE!!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Sunday, April 1, 2012
2:00 P.M.

at Concord-Carlisle High School



Monday, January 16, 2012

The response to registering performers for the 14th Annual Willard Talent Show has been tremendous!

Unfortunately, **WE HAVE REACHED OUR LIMIT OF 50 ACTS**. Closing registration is a very difficult decision that is dictated by our need to keep the Talent Show to a manageable length and our awareness of the capacity of the Concord Carlisle High School auditorium.

We have decided that we will **EXTEND REGISTRATION TO ADMIT 10 MORE ACTS** (sorry, only 10!).

On **Thursday, January 19 at noon**, we will briefly re-open registration in order to admit 10 more acts. Registrations *must* be received online through the [Online Performer Registration form](#) and will be accepted on a **first come, first served** basis.

We cannot be responsible for technical issues, delays, or malfunctions on the website during that time.

We know how disappointing this may be for some students and we are truly sorry that participation must be limited. You may want to consider contacting other parents who have students who have already registered for the show to see if your child could be included in their act.

Should you have other questions about the Talent Show, you may contact the Talent Show Committee at: talentinfo@willardptg.org

Sincerely,

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Willard Talent Show Committee

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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.

VERY IMPORTANT - NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR PERFORMERS!

This year the Talent Show will accept **performer registrations** online through a form available at the PTG Website (<http://www.willardptg.org/events/2011-2012/talentShowRegistration.shtml>). As with printable paper forms in previous years, the electronic forms will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Although you may submit paper registrations this year, it is recommended that you use the online form system to efficiently and accurately process your act information.

REGISTER EARLY! We can accept ONLY the first 50 acts that register by the registration deadline - January 23

REGISTRATION DATES

- STAGE CREW LOTTERY (5th Grade ONLY) [Printable Registration Form](#) Due: Tuesday, January 17
- REFRESHMENT CREW [Printable Registration Form](#) Due: Monday, January 23
- PERFORMER [NEW Online Registration Form](#) OR [Printable Registration Form](#) Due: Monday, January 23

Performer registration is accepted online and on paper, but not via email. The online Performer Registration form is available at <http://www.willardptg.org/events/2011-2012/talentShowRegistration.shtml>. Printed paper forms must be turned in to the box by the Willard office. Stage Crew Lottery and Refreshment Crew registration should be submitted on paper forms to the box by the Willard office. All applicants will be notified or confirmed by email. Names of fifth graders who wish to be on Stage Crew will be chosen by lottery from the completed forms. Fifth graders who are not chosen for Stage Crew may join the Refreshment Crew or perform in an act. **All performers must register by Monday, January 23.**

REMINDER

1 Act ● 1 Act Captain ● 1 Online Registration Form per Performer

Due to constraints of our form processing, all group acts must submit individual online forms listing each performer in the act, including "extras."

What's an Act Captain? Each act (solo performer or group) should appoint one parent to be the Act Captain, a parent representing the performer(s) and/or coordinating a group of performers, who will be the adult contact person on behalf of the act. The Act Captain is responsible for submitting the completed form(s) for the act by Monday, January 23.

The Act Captain must attend Preview Day, both to sign-in the act and supervise their performer(s) in the Willard Cafeteria while the act waits to be seen on stage in the Auditorium or in the Music Practice Room. Additionally, the Act Captain provides a copy of the group's prerecorded music (if the act is using it), edited to 1 and ½ minutes or less, on Preview Day. If the Act Captain is unable to attend, another adult familiar with the act must attend Preview Day.

All acts will be filmed and photographed, unless a performer's parent or guardian opts out in writing to talentinfo@willardptg.org.

PREVIEW DAYS

Tuesday, February 14, 12:30-2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

The Preview Day is when the Talent Show Committee sees each act for the first (and only) time. Acts/performers are seen "first come, first served" in the order in which the act arrives and signs-in at the Willard Cafeteria. The Act Captain (or another parent) must supervise their performer(s) in the Willard Cafeteria during Preview Day. Performers then are called from the Cafeteria to either the Willard Auditorium or Music Practice Room to preview their act in front of members of the Talent Show Committee.

Students riding the METCO Late Bus are encouraged to participate in the Tuesday Preview Day.

No act will be allowed to perform in the Talent Show if not seen at Preview Day.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Friday, March 30, 3:30-9:00 p.m.

The Dress Rehearsal is held at the High School. Students are not expected to attend the entire dress rehearsal. The specific rehearsal time slot during which they must be present that evening is determined by the order of the show. Performers and Stage Crew only need to be present for their portion of the show (their "set"), during which they will perform, practice light and sound cues in their act, understand how their act fits into the order of the show, and run-through the finale with other performers in their "set"; they will then be dismissed to go home. Performers and Stage Crew will be informed of their specific dress rehearsal time in early to mid-March.

Attendance at the Dress Rehearsal is MANDATORY. It is extremely important for students to arrive on time to the rehearsal, so that it can run efficiently.

SHOW DAY

Sunday, April 1, 2:00 p.m.

Show time is on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Concord-Carlisle High School. Performers, stage crew, and refreshment crew must arrive promptly at 1:30 p.m.

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, do magic tricks, or know how to double-dutch jump rope? Use your imagination! Although not required, you might use the theme of the show to help you; think about what “*April Foolin’ Around*” means to you. Be sure to begin planning and practicing right away so you are prepared for Preview Day.

Because of the overwhelming student participation in the Talent Show and the limited number of acts that can be presented during the show, we strongly encourage students to consider creating “group” acts.

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. The names of all performers in an act must be noted at the time of registration on the registration form. Sorry, performers may not be added to the act after the registration deadline, Monday, January 23.

How many kids are in the show?

Only the first 50 acts that register by the registration deadline may participate. However, there is no limit on the number of performers in an act. We encourage group acts! In past years, we’ve had over 100 students participate in each show!

What about backstage help?

Willard students in fifth grade can assist backstage as part of the Stage Crew. To encourage a high level of participation, only non-performers may help backstage. *Eight* positions will be filled by a lottery, drawn from the Stage Crew Lottery registration forms that are submitted by Tuesday, January 17. Applicants who are not chosen for the Stage Crew can register by Monday, January 23 for the Refreshment Crew or as a performer.

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 on their own, before and after Preview Day, to feel confident and look “professional.” There are no other rehearsals for the show. Stage Crew must attend the mandatory Stage Crew meeting during the week of March 19-21 (date to be announced) and Dress Rehearsal. Refreshment Crew members need only attend the afternoon of the show, arriving at 1:30 p.m.

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. **The time limit will be strictly enforced.** If your act uses recorded music, you must bring your music CD (playable on a CD player; a computer is not available) with your music edited to 1 and ½ minutes or less to Preview Day.

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 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 Willard Librarian 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 in a format suitable to be played back through a CD player.)

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 be on the Stage Crew:

Print and complete the [Stage Crew Lottery Registration form](#) (available online). Drop the form in the box by the Willard School office by **Tuesday, January 17.**

To be on the Refreshment Crew:

Print and complete the [Refreshment Crew Registration form](#) (available online). Drop the form in the box by the Willard School office by **Monday, January 23.**

To Perform:

Have your Act Captain complete and submit the [online Performer Registration Form](#), one form per performer. Those wishing to submit a paper form may complete the [Printable Performer Registration form](#) (available online), one form per act; Drop the form in the box by the Willard School office. Sorry, performers **may not** be added to the act after the registration deadline. **All** performer registrations are due by **Monday, January 23.**

Only the first 50 acts that register by the registration deadline (January 23) may participate.

How do I buy tickets?

Tickets will start being sold at the Preview Days. Thereafter, tickets can be purchased online at the Willard PTG. Watch your *Willard Weekly* for details! Tickets are \$5/person, but are not required for performers, crew members, and adult volunteers. *Buy early!*

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 a Preview Day volunteer, a Set Parent, Refreshment Sales volunteer, or a Ticket Table volunteer. 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.



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