



2022 CJNU SENIOR STAR Rules & Regulations

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for our CJNU Senior Star Talent Contest at The EX.

The Red River Ex is committed to showcasing the talents of Manitobans, for Manitobans. The talent competition is our commitment upholding our mandate to identify, develop and showcase young performers for the rest of our community.

This year we are looking for performers ages 55+ to perform on the Red Barn Stage at the 2022 Red River Ex. This year's CJNU Senior Star talent competition will be held on **Wednesday, June 22, 2022!**

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

1. Read the rules and regulations to see how your talent might fit.
2. Submit the registration form, an audition video and pay your entry fee online. Each entrant is provided with two gate passes (value \$15 each). Should you not be accepted to perform in the show, you may keep the two gate passes and use them to come to The EX any day you wish.
4. Wait to hear if you've been accepted into the show. You will be contacted by Friday, June 3, 2022. Due to time limitations, we are only able to accept up to 15 performances this year. So, be sure to enter right away!
5. Once you've been selected to perform, a panel of professional judges will enjoy watching your talents.
6. Who knows, you could take home up to \$1,000 in prize money!

Deadline to submit your registration form, video audition and entry fee is: **MONDAY, MAY 23.**

COST TO ENTER:

Solo: \$15 total – Along with your entrance fee, you will receive two gate tickets to be used on the competition day. Should you not be selected to perform in the competition, you may keep the two gate tickets and use them on any day during the 2022 Red River Ex.

Group (2 or more performers): \$30 total – along with your entrance fee, you will receive two gate tickets per person to be used on the competition day. Should you not be selected to perform in the competition, you may keep the two gate tickets and use them on any day during the 2022 Red River Ex.

All passes will be mailed out after June 3, 2022 to the contact person noted on the entry form.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Use our online entry form and payment system. Start by reading the Rules & Regulations below. Fill in the online registration form. Send us a link to your audition video preferably uploaded to YouTube. If this is a problem, let us know and we can make other arrangements to get your video. Payment instructions will follow once you hit the SUBMIT button.

2022 CONTESTANT RULES:

1. All contestants must be at least 55 years of age at the opening date of the Red River Exhibition (June 17, 2022). All contestants must be a resident of Manitoba.
2. This contest is not open to professionals. A professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager or whose principle and supporting income is derived from performing. A professional entertainer is hereby defined as one who earns more than half of his/her normal living expenses by performing in any of the categories of competition. **If you have been hired (on contract) by the Red River Ex to perform during the 10-days of the Red River Ex, you are not permitted to enter the CJNU Senior Star Talent contest.**
3. **Any act running over 3 minutes will be disqualified.** An act is timed from the first vocal utterance in a vocal act, the first body movement in a dance act, and the entirety of any other act. Timing does not include the emcee's spoken introduction.
4. Acts using machetes, knives, etc. will not be accepted. Baton twirlers may enter (note: stage ceiling height restrictions) but fire baton talent will not be permitted.
5. No fire, smoke, or smoke effect will be allowed on stage during the Red River Ex.
6. All performers (except instrumental category) are responsible for providing their own music selection to the Red River Ex by Monday, June 6, 2022. Sound checks will not be provided.

7. Your act must remain the same as the audition submission. Members of a group act may drop out without penalty, unless it changes the act from a group to a solo but no members may be added without re-qualifying.
9. The Red River Exhibition reserves the right to limit the number of acts entered in due to timing limitations. Similarly, the committee, at their discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any act deemed to be considered offensive, objectionable or dangerous.
10. All props must be inanimate, with the exception of those used by a magician.
11. For contestants entered in any vocal act, accompaniment tracks with vocal utterances are strictly prohibited. This includes recorded live voices and voices that are produced and recorded synthetically (i.e., synthesizers or digitally sampled). Any background vocals = Disqualification.
12. There must be no taps or blatant tap effects on the recording used by a tap dancer or a hard-soled Irish style dancer. (Just as in the vocal category you are not allowed to have background vocals when that is what you are being judged on.)
13. In Instrumental, all sounds must be created live on stage. Absolutely no pre-programmed music is allowed.
14. An individual cannot be a part of an act at the Red River Ex, if that individual does not appear in the audition video.
15. Judges will be instructed to consider the appropriateness of material used in competition. The committee strongly recommends that all presentations **be tasteful and appropriate for a family entertainment venue.**

The following are policies in place for the CJNU Senior Star Talent Contest and will be strictly adhered to:

A selection committee will screen the video auditions. Each contestant will be notified if they have or have not been accepted into the competition by Friday, June 3, 2022.

Contestants must be available to perform at the Red River Ex on Wednesday, June 22. The contest will take approximately two hours (preliminary window to be narrowed down: 4:00 – 6:30 pm). We will be in a position to provide a more detailed schedule after the entry deadline.

Judges are not allowed to discuss contestants and/or acts with anyone other than those on the Judges panel. Please do not approach judges for explanations regarding their decisions. Anyone attempting to discuss an act with a judge before, during or after a contest will be disqualified.

Any protest concerning rule violations must be made prior to the announcement of the winners. Once the winners are announced, the decisions of the judges at the CJNU Senior Star contest are final.

Neither the CJNU Senior Star committee nor judges will tolerate offensive conduct by participants or associates. Such conduct can result in future expulsion from the Red River Ex CJNU Senior Star Talent Contest.

The following types of acts are encouraged and permitted:

NOTE: Please keep in mind, the competition happens on the Red Barn stage and space is limited. Take note of this when entering larger groups.

1. VOCAL (Stand and Sing ONLY)

2. DANCE (No Singing)

3. INSTRUMENTAL SOLO/GROUP OR BAND

8. VARIETY: The following types of performances are encouraged in this category: song and dance (musical theatre), magic, juggling, ventriloquism, baton twirling (be cautious of stage ceiling height), acro, gymnastics, hula hooping, martial arts etc.

MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE LENGTH FOR ALL CATEGORIES IS **3 MINUTES** – NO EXCEPTIONS

PRIZES:

Overall 1st place: \$1,000 + trophy

Overall 2nd place: \$500 + plaque

Overall 3rd place: \$300 + medal