

Talent Night at The Ritz

Official Contestant Guidelines

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By submitting an audition for Talent Night at The Ritz, all contestants acknowledge and agree to the following rules and guidelines.

1. Eligibility

Talent Night at The Ritz is open to contestants of **ages 16 and Up**. All approved contestants will compete together in the same monthly competition.

2. Audition Requirement

All contestants must **submit an online video audition** in advance and be approved before appearing in the live competition. Submission of an audition does not guarantee acceptance into the show.

3. Acceptable Acts

We welcome a wide variety of talent, including but not limited to **singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, magicians, poets, and other variety acts**. Acts must be suitable for a live stage setting and within the technical capabilities of the venue.

4. Content Standards

Talent Night at The Ritz is intended to be an event for all audiences. **No vulgarity or inappropriate content** will be permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, offensive language, sexually explicit material, inappropriate costumes, or other content deemed unsuitable for a general audience.

5. Technical Limitations

Contestants should understand that **The Ritz is not conducive to full bands or large-scale act setups**. Preference will be given to acts that can be presented with simple technical needs and minimal setup time.

6. Competition Format

Talent Night at The Ritz is a **monthly live competition** inspired by the spirit of **America's Got Talent** and **Amateur Night at The Apollo**. Contestants will perform live before an audience, and the most popular act will be determined by our **LIVE audience voting through their smartphones and those watching our LIVESTREAM online through our Facebook Page**.

7. 'Winner' Recognition and Return Appearances

We will only have ONE winner each month. There will be no second or third place winners

announced. Each monthly 'winner' will be invited back the **following month** to showcase their talent as a **special guest performer**. Monthly winners will also be invited to return for the **final competition at the end of the season** to compete for the grand prize. The 'winner' each month will be determined by the number of votes received and is not a reflection on the level of talent over any other acts performing.

8. Returning Contestants

All other 'non-winning' contestants are welcome to continue entering future monthly showcases.

9. Media Release

By entering Talent Night at The Ritz, contestants understand and agree that performances may be **photographed, video recorded, and streamed live on Facebook** for promotional, archival, and marketing purposes.

10. Right of Refusal

Management reserves the right to deny any audition or performance that does not meet the event's standards, technical requirements, or family-friendly format.