

MIDLOTHIAN'S GOT TALENT PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

Mission statement: *Midlothian's Got Talent is a district-wide outreach program of the MHS Choral Department. Its mission is to develop student leadership within the choral department while showcasing the talents within MISD. Proceeds from this event fund the MHS Choral Booster Scholarship fund, as well as other classroom needs.*

1. Midlothian's Got Talent (MGT) is open to current students, staff, and employees of MISD.
2. The entry form link for both the MGT live show and art show can be found on the MISD homepage, as well as Midlothian's Got Talent Facebook page @MGTSHow. Parent/guardian permission is required for each participant under the age of 18.
3. Registration fees are as follows:
Live show: \$25 per person
 \$100 for groups of 5 or more
Art show: \$10 per piece
Short Film/Video: \$15 per entry
4. The proposed schedule for MGT will be:
February 16: Registration for Live Show, Art Show, and Video Contest closes
February 24 from 8-5: Live Show auditions
 (After registration, link will be sent to schedule your audition)
March 2: Selected acts for Live Show will be announced
March 7: Deadline for Art Show submissions
 (MGT committee will pick up at your school)
April 5: Dress Rehearsal (Sign up schedule on SignUpGenius)
April 6 at 7 pm: Elementary and Middle School Live Show
April 7 at 7 pm: High School and MISD Employee Live Show
 Art Show winners announcement after intermission
 Video winner announcement
5. Live show auditions will be made in person in the MHS Choir Room on Saturday February 24, 2018 between 8 am and 5 pm. Audition times may be scheduled at SignUpGenius, a link of which will be provided to participants in a confirmation email upon registration. Auditions will be judged by Choir Council students from the MHS Choral Department.
6. Auditions are closed to the public and student body, with the exception of the participant's parent/guardian.
7. A scoring rubric will be used to judge each Live Show audition, Art Show contest, and performances during the Live Show contests.
8. A student may perform in one individual act, as well as in one group act during the live show. Students performing in the live show may also submit artwork and/or video entries.

9. Elementary and Middle School performance acts are limited to 3 minutes in length, with a **maximum** set up time of 1 minute. High School and MISD Employee performance acts are limited to not more than 3 ½ minutes in length, with a **maximum** set up time of 1 minute.
10. Performances must follow the performer's school code of conduct and adhere to MISD policy. Acts may not contain inappropriate words, music, or gestures. Performer's attire must be in good taste and pass approval of the MHS Choir Director and MGT committee. No display of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia will be permitted on stage.
11. Music tracks used by performers may contain instrumental accompaniment only, with no background vocals.
12. Performers must provide **finalized** music tracks and lyric sheet (if not uploaded on formsite.com) at the time of audition.
13. All performance props (within reason) should be brought to auditions. No pyrotechnics, open flames, smoke/haze, or any other effects that may be deemed dangerous or distracting will be allowed on stage in the MHS auditorium.
14. No two (2) acts/songs will be completely duplicated in the live shows. The best audition will be chosen or individuals may be asked to combine performance.
15. MGT has the right to add, delete, or change performance and art award categories based upon the number and type of submissions.
16. MGT live show may limit the number of performances for the Live Show at each level (i.e., elementary, middle school, high school, and MISD Employees).
17. Please understand that all acts that audition may not be chosen for the live MGT show.
18. A performer-provided accompanist is permitted on stage during a live performance, but will not be judged.
19. A sound technician, microphone, and piano are available to each participant, as needed. Hair/body microphones are not available for use during the Elementary and Middle School Live Show.
20. Every participant shall attend dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Performer's rehearsal time may be scheduled at the SignUpGenius link provided MGT Committee after March 2, 2018.
21. Participants must adhere to behavior expectations during auditions, rehearsals, and live performances. If participant becomes disruptive during any of these times, it may result in automatic disqualification from the contest.

22. The categories for MGT's art show will be:
 - Elementary (Kindergarten – 5th Grades)
 - Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th Grades)
 - High School (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades)
 - MISD Employees
23. MGT Committee members will pick up Art Show pieces on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from each MISD school office. If a participant should miss the deadline, it is his or her responsibility to bring their art piece to the MHS Choir department not later than 4 pm on March 7, 2018.
24. An Art Show gallery will be on display during both MGT live shows on April 6 and 7, 2018.
25. Art Show winners will be contacted ahead of the Live Show so they may plan to attend the Saturday, April 7 show.
26. Non-biased judges will be selected to adjudicate both the live performances and art contest. A scoring rubric will be used to judge each participant equally. Each judge will score independently and not discuss their results or comments with any other judge. Judges results will be given to the MGT committee members for tabulation. Results for the live show will be announced at the conclusion of each contest. The adjudication of each contest will include:
 - Presentation
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Clarity
 - Ability
27. Both Live Show and Art Show participants will be given one (1) complimentary ticket to the Live Show of their choice. The number of performances nor art submissions will increase the of complimentary tickets given to any one participant.
28. MGT reserved Live Show tickets will be available for purchase at www.ticketstothecity.com. Pre-sale reserved seat tickets will be \$7/adults and \$5/students (plus a small convenience charge). Remaining General Admission tickets will be available for purchase for \$5 each at the ticket booth on the day of the show.
29. Decisions of the judges, MGT Committee, and MHS Choral Director are final.