

AURORA FIRST LIGHT - Conditions of Entry

About the Competition

Aurora First Light is an amateur performing arts competition created to provide young performers aged from 5 years of age and under 18 years of age the opportunity to take to the stage, share their talent and entertain a live audience.

1. Eligibility
 - a. Amateur performers only
 - i. Any performer paid to perform in the 12 months before the date of the competition is ineligible.
 - ii. Any performer under contract with a manager is ineligible.
 - b. Open to performers aged from 5 years of age and under 18 years of age.
 - c. Age is determined as at the date of the competition.
 - d. Proof of age may be requested.
 - e. Any entry containing false or misleading eligibility information may be disqualified. Any prizes, awards, gift packs or other benefits received as a result of that entry must be returned to Aurora Performing Arts Limited.
2. Parental / Guardian Consent – Required for all entrants
 - a. Entries will not be accepted without parent / guardian consent via the entry form.
 - b. By entering Aurora First Light, a parent or guardian consents to Aurora Performing Arts Limited using the entrant's name, image, photographs, video and audio recordings to promote Aurora First Light and Aurora Performing Arts Limited.
3. Child Safety
 - a. A parent, guardian or nominated responsible adult must remain with each entrant throughout Aurora First Light and any heats or rehearsals.
 - b. Entrants must not be left in the sole care of Aurora Performing Arts Limited volunteers or judges.
 - c. Aurora Performing Arts Limited volunteers and judges must not have unsupervised one-on-one contact with an entrant.
 - d. Any concerns about an entrant's safety or well-being must be reported immediately to an Aurora Performing Arts Limited representative.
 - e. Bullying, harassment, inappropriate behaviour or behaviour that places another person at risk will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the event.
 - f. Audience members may only photograph or record performers for whom they have permission. Wider event photography and recording may only be undertaken by photographers or videographers authorised by Aurora Performing Arts Limited.

4. Entries

- a. Entries close on the advertised closing date.
- b. If more than 20 entries are received, preliminary heats may be held on a separate date before the main event, or by video submission.
- c. Up to 20 entries may be accepted into the main event.
- d. Entry fees are non-refundable except where required by law.
- e. Entries are not confirmed until payment has been received.
- f. Aurora Performing Arts Limited reserves the right to refuse or cancel any entry.
- g. Entrants may enter once as a solo performer **or** once as part of a group of two or more performers.
- h. Groups may include any mix of ages from 5 years of age and under 18 years of age.

5. How To Enter

- a. Each entrant must complete and submit an official Aurora First Light entry form.
- b. All required information must be provided by the closing date. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- c. A parent or guardian must provide consent for each performer included in an entry.
- d. For group entries, parent or guardian consent must be provided separately for every performer in the group.
- e. An audition or performance video may be requested to confirm that an act is ready for live performance and appropriate for a family-friendly event.
- f. Entries received after the closing date may not be accepted.
- g. By submitting an entry form, the entrant's parent or guardian confirms that they have read and agree to these Conditions of Entry.

6. Performance Rules

- a. Competitors must report by the nominated time.
- b. Each entry has a maximum of 10 minutes to set up, perform, and clear the stage ready for the next performer
- c. Backing tracks must be supplied in the requested format by the requested date.
- d. All music and performance content must be clean, appropriate for all ages, and suitable for a family-friendly event.
- e. All costumes and performance attire must be appropriate for all ages and suitable for a family-friendly event.
- f. Props will be inspected by an official for safety and appropriateness prior to the event if required.
- g. Props must be safe and capable of being set up and removed quickly.
- h. No live animals, open flames or hazardous props are to be used.

7. Judging

- a. Judges are appointed by Aurora Performing Arts Limited.
- b. Judges will be announced before the event.
- c. The judges' decisions are final.
- d. Scores and comments will not be changed following the event.
- e. Performances will be judged on skill, stage presence, originality and overall entertainment value.
- f. Judges must declare any conflict of interest and will not judge an entrant they are related to, teach, coach or have another close connection with.
- g. Aurora Performing Arts Limited reserves the right not to award all placings.

8. Prizes

- a. Prizes will be awarded as advertised for Aurora First Light.
- b. Prizes may include cash, vouchers, goods, experiences or other prizes provided by Aurora Performing Arts Limited or event sponsors.
- c. Prize details will be announced before the event and may vary depending on sponsorship and availability.
- d. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable unless otherwise stated
- e. Performers who arrive late or leave early without prior approval from Aurora Performing Arts Limited will forfeit all prizes, including prize money.

9. Code of Conduct

All entrants, parents, guardians, teachers and supporters must:

- a. Treat everyone with courtesy and respect.
- b. Show good sportsmanship.
- c. Follow reasonable directions from Aurora Performing Arts Limited volunteers.
- d. Not engage in abusive, intimidating, threatening or disruptive behaviour.
- e. Respect the venue, its facilities, its staff and the property of others.

Aurora Performing Arts Limited reserves the right to remove any person from the event for behaviour that is unsafe, inappropriate or disruptive to the event or others.

10. Photography & Media

- a. Photography, filming and recording of performances is a condition of entry to Aurora First Light.
- b. By entering, a parent or guardian gives permission for Aurora Performing Arts Limited to photograph, film and record the entrant and their performance.
- c. Aurora Performing Arts Limited may use the entrant's name, image, photographs, video and audio recordings to promote Aurora Performing Arts Limited initiatives, including future events.

- d. This material may be used on Aurora Performing Arts Limited's website, social media, promotional materials, advertising and event highlights.

11. Event Changes

Aurora Performing Arts Limited reserves the right to:

- a. amend the timetable;
- b. combine or cancel sections;
- c. substitute adjudicators where necessary;
- d. make any reasonable changes required for the successful operation of the event.

12. Liability & Safety

- a. Entrants choose to participate in Aurora First Light at their own risk and are responsible for ensuring they are able to safely perform their chosen act.
- b. Aurora Performing Arts Limited is not responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal belongings brought to the event.
- c. By submitting an entry form, the entrant's parent or guardian agrees to pay any reasonable costs incurred by Aurora Performing Arts Limited for damage to the venue, equipment or property caused by the entrant or anyone attending with them.
- d. Entrants and their parent or guardian must follow all safety requirements of Aurora Performing Arts Limited and the venue.
- e. Nothing in these rules excludes or limits any rights or responsibilities that cannot be excluded or limited by law.