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Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc. Present the 12th Annual GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search

“Shine Like the Star You Are”

VOCALISTS * DANCERS * INSTRUMENTALISTS * VARIETY ACTS * SONGWRITERS

All Ages to compete for over \$9,000.00 in prizes, cash, trophies & recording sessions in the 2016 Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search to be held at the Nebraska State Fair on the Bristol Windows Stage at Fonner Park in Grand Island. The Talent Search is open to Nebraska Residents only. Qualifying performances from the Preliminary Video Contest and winners of the local Partner Talent Searches will determine the contestants advancing to the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search two day competition. The Semi-Finals will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, with the exciting Finals Sunday, September 4th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

[Contestants can enter the Preliminary Video Contest](#) in one of the Three Age Divisions: Comets (12 & Under), Shooting Stars (13 to 18) and Novas (19 & Over) and compete in their Age Division against all individual and group talent (vocal, dance, instrumental and variety). A video can be made with a digital or video camera, Smartphone or other recording device. Submit a video on a DVD or Email an MP4 or a Link to your Video from You Tube, Vimeo or other video platform and mail required forms to Galaxy of Stars®. Official Rules and Entry Forms can be downloaded at www.galaxyofstarstalentsearch.com. A minimum of 15 qualified Video contestants will advance to the Nebraska State Fair Semi-Finals along with the winners of the Galaxy of Stars® Partner Talent Searches from across the State of Nebraska. Winners of the Semi-Finals advance to compete in the Finals.

[The Local Partner Talent Search Program](#) gives winners of each local Partner Talent Search the opportunity to advance their winners to the Galaxy of Stars® Semi-Finals at the Nebraska State Fair. Official Partner Talent Searches include: Clarkson Czech Festival Talent Search - June 24, Saline County Fair Talent Search in Crete - July 20, Coyote Country Music Showdown in McCook - July 20, Sandhills Talent Search in Mullen - August 6, Kool Dreams Star Search in Hastings - August 13, High Plains Radio Talent Search in Imperial - August 18 & Columbus Days Talent Search - August 20. Interested organizations may apply to the Galaxy of Stars® to become a Partner Talent Search.

[The Galaxy of Stars® Songwriting Contest](#) is open to all ages. Songwriters may submit a CD or Email an MP3 of original song(s) and mail in required forms to Galaxy of Stars®. Songwriters of the Top 3 original songs will have the opportunity to showcase their song during the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Finals on Sunday, September 4th.

[All entries must be received on or before July 8, 2016](#). The Entry Fee is \$35.00 for each video performance and original song submitted. Mail entries to: [Galaxy of Stars, P.O. Box 3566, Brentwood, TN 37024-3566](#). Entries will be judged by professionals in the music industry in Nashville, Tennessee, and Judges Comments will be mailed for each video and songwriting entry. Contestants who qualify to advance to the Semi-Finals will be posted on the Galaxy of Stars® website by July 20th and the top 10 original songs and songwriters will be posted by July 27th.

The 2016 Nebraska State Fair opens August 26th and will run through Labor Day, September 5th.

For more information on the Nebraska State Fair visit www.statefair.org.

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