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Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc. Present the 15th Annual GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search

This is Your Opportunity to Enter the Biggest Star Search in Nebraska WIN OVER \$7500.00 IN PRIZES, CASH, TROPHIES & RECORDING SESSION

"Shine Like the Star You Are"

VOCALISTS * DANCERS * INSTRUMENTALISTS * VARIETY

All Ages to compete for over \$7500.00 in prizes, cash, trophies & and the Overall Vocalist will win a \$4500,00 Nashville Recording Package. The 2019 Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search will be held at the Nebraska State Fair on the CHI Health Stage in the Family Fun Zone at Fonner Park in Grand Island. 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 Semi-Finals. The Semi-Finals will be held on Saturday, August 31st, 6:00-9:00 PM, with the exciting Finals and Awards Ceremony Sunday, September 1st, 6:00-9:00 PM.

TWO WAYS TO QUALIFY FOR THE GALAXY OF STARS® TALENT SEARCH SEMI-FINALS:

Enter the Preliminary Video Contest in one of the Three Age Divisions: Comets (12 & Under), Shooting Stars (13 to 18) and Novas (19 & Over) to compete in their Age Division against all individual and group talent (vocal, dance, instrumental and variety). It's fun and easy! Film your video with a video camera or Smartphone. Upload video to YouTube or share your video from your phone by emailing the video link or MP4 to galaxyofstars@comcast.net. Entry materials and registration may be submitted digitally or contestants can mail entries to: Galaxy of Stars, P.O. Box 3566, Brentwood, TN 37024. Video entries must be received by midnight July 18th. Entries will be judged by professionals in the music industry in Nashville, Tennessee. The Preliminary Video Contest winners who qualify to advance to the Semi-Finals will be posted on the Galaxy of Stars® website by July 23rd. This is Your Chance! Enter Today!

Rules and Entry Forms are available online at galaxyofstarstalentsearch.com. A minimum of 9 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 28, Saline County Fair Talent Search in Crete - July 17, 105.3 Coyote Country Music Showdown in McCook-July 24, Country 93.5 Showdown in North Platte-

July 27, Lancaster County Super Fair Talent Search in Lincoln - August 4 & the Columbus Days Talent Search - August 17. Interested organizations may apply to the Galaxy of Stars® to become a Partner Talent Search.

Trophies and cash will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners of the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search in each of Three Age Divisions, Superstar Award (Voted Best Performance by all Contestants), People's Choice Award, The Shining Star Award (Highest Scoring Contestant in "Star Quality) and the Mega Star Award (Overall Highest Scoring Performance of all Three Age Divisions). A \$4500.00 Nashville Recording Package will be awarded to the Overall Vocalist. Medals will be presented to all the Semi-Final contestants.

Special performances during the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search include 2013 Mega Star-Justin Kane, Scotts-bluff; 2017 Mega Star Carly Cremers, Hastings; 2018 Galaxy of Stars® Battle of the Bands Winner, The Church House Blues Band (Danny Daken, Suzy Carter, Gary Tharnish, John Dietrich, Mark Schwarting) Lincoln, Candace Sutter-Council Bluffs, Iowa & Katie Goesch- Gresham, NE.

The 2019 Nebraska State Fair opens August 23rd and will run through Labor Day, September 2nd. For more information on the Nebraska State Fair visit www.statefair.org.

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