



SACTOWN SHOWDOWN GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been developed by the planning committee to ensure the success and fairness of the contest.

1. The purpose of the contest is to give youth a professional platform to showcase their talents and get rewarded for it. Only those individuals who permanently reside in District 8 are eligible to compete. The Sactown Showdown is open to both individuals and groups, but each person may only appear in one act. *****A group must consist of at least one District 8 verified resident.**
2. The Sactown Showdown competition is open only to **amateurs**. For the purposes of this competition, an amateur will be defined as anyone who engages in a pursuit, study, science or sport as a pastime rather than as a profession. If you have been compensated in any way for any talent performance, you are not eligible as an amateur. However, any professionals wanting to participate can be a part of the exhibition.
3. To enter, video clips via YouTube links must be submitted with online application prior to auditioning. Completed application must be submitted no later than April 21, 2018 and will be viewed on a first come, first served basis. Applicants will be contacted with audition time slot if chosen.
4. In order to participate in the Sactown Showdown competition, individuals must complete a live audition. Live auditions will be held on Saturday April 28, 2018. Groups must arrive no less than 45 minutes prior to their audition time in order to sign in and be photographed.
5. From the auditions, 12 finalists will be selected to compete in the Showdown. The Event may reduce the number of contestants, if fewer than 12 applications are received. Also, we are choosing 2-4 exhibition talents to be showcased.
6. The Sactown Showdown will be presented at 3:00 P.M. at Luther Burbank High School on May 28th, 2018. Each of the selected contestants to appear during the event **MUST** participate in the tech rehearsal that day from 9am-noon and must report to the stage one (1) hour prior to the start of the show.

7. Each contestant will be allowed no more than three (3) minutes on stage. Ten percent of the contestant's points will be deducted for each minute or part of a minute the contestant runs over four (4) minutes in length.
8. Acts using music will be allowed one song or tune, up to a maximum of three (3) minutes total – Rule 9 applies.
9. Contestants MUST perform the same act in the final show as was performed in the audition, including the exact same attire worn.
10. A panel of three (5) judges, selected by the Sactown Showdown Committee, will judge contestants.
11. Talent will be judged on the following criteria:
- Poise (confidence, cover mistakes well, etc.) 10 points
 - Physical Appearance (neatness, costuming) 10 points
 - Stage Presence (audience appeal, smile) 10 points
 - Overall impression 20 points
 - Talent (music, ability, coordination, etc.) 50 points
- Total Possible Points: 100 points
12. Prizes will be awarded for first place, second and third place whether it is an individual, duo or group act.

Any questions regarding these guidelines should be addressed to one of the members of the Sactown Showdown committee.