



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 27, 2015

Contact: Chelsey Jungck, 308-382-1620 cjungck@statefair.org

Wynne Adams, 615-495-7375 galaxyofstars@comcast.net

Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc. Present the 11th 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 2015 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. A Preliminary Mail-In Video Contest and winners of the local Partner Talent Searches will determine the qualifying contestants advancing to the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search two day competition. The Semi-Finals will be held on Saturday, September 5th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, with the exciting Finals Sunday, September 6th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Performers can enter the Preliminary Mail-In 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 a video link from You Tube, Vimeo or other video platform and mail required forms to Galaxy of Stars®. Talent and the quality of performance is emphasized, not the highest quality of recording. 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 26, Saline County Fair Talent Search in Crete - July 15, Coyote Country Music Showdown in McCook - July 22, Columbus Days Talent Search - August 15. 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 6th.

All entries must be received on or before July 10, 2015. 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 22nd and the top 15 original songs and songwriters will be posted by July 29th.

The 2015 Nebraska State Fair opens August 28th and will run through Labor Day, September 7th.
For more information on the Nebraska State Fair visit www.statefair.org.

###