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Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc. Present the 14th Annual GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search

This is Your Opportunity to Enter the Biggest Star Search in Nebraska
WIN OVER \$9,000.00 IN PRIZES, CASH, TROPHIES & RECORDING SESSIONS

“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 2018 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 1st, 4:00 -7:00 PM, with the exciting Finals Sunday, September 2nd, 5:00 - 8:00 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). It's fun and easy! A video can be made with a digital or video camera, Smartphone or other recording device. Upload your video to YouTube, Vimeo or other video platform. Email the video link or MP4 to galaxyofstars@comcast.net and email or mail in the required forms and entry fee to Galaxy of Stars®. Official 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 22, Saline County Fair Talent Search in Crete - July 18, 105.3 Coyote Country Music Showdown in McCook - July 25, Lancaster County Talent Search in Lincoln - August 7 & 8, Chase County Fair Talent Search in Imperial - August 16 & Columbus Days Talent Search - August 18. 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 email or mail in required forms and entry fee to Galaxy of Stars®. There is no limit to the number of songs that can be entered. 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 2nd.

[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 the Semi-Final contestants and to the songwriters of the Top 8 songs. Trophies and cash awards will be given to songwriters placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Galaxy of Stars® Songwriting Contest. A \$3500.00 Nashville Recording Package & a Single Song Co-Publishing Contract will be awarded to the Top Songwriter. [Entries must be received on or before July 13, 2018.](#) New this year, all entry materials and registration may be submitted digitally or contestants can 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. Songwriters of the top 8 Original Songs from the Songwriting Contest & the Preliminary Video Contest and the winners of the Partner Talent Searches who qualify to advance to the Semi-Finals will be posted on the Galaxy of Stars® website by July 20th. This is Your Chance! Enter Today!

[NEW THIS YEAR! The Galaxy of Stars® Battle Of The Bands-](#) Bands from across the state of Nebraska will compete in the first “Battle Of The Bands” presented by Vision Productions, Inc. on August 9th at the Lancaster County Carnival & Talent Festival in Lincoln. Bands will have the opportunity to win cash prizes and a \$4500.00 Nashville Recording Package. Contest is open to all ages and all genres of music. Details, Entry Forms and Official rules will be posted by July 1st at www.galaxyofstarstalentsearch.com.

The 2018 Nebraska State Fair opens August 24th and will run through Labor Day, September 3rd.
For more information on the Nebraska State Fair visit www.statefair.org.

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