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**Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc.
Present the 7th Annual GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search**

“Shine Like the Star You Are”

VOCALISTS * DANCERS * INSTRUMENTALISTS * VARIETY ACTS * SONGWRITERS

All Ages to compete for over \$5,000.00 in cash, prizes, trophies & recording sessions at the Nebraska State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search at the Fonner Park Bristol Windows Stage in Grand Island. A Preliminary Mail-In Video Contest will determine the qualifying contestants advancing to the Nebraska State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search two day competition. Semi-Finals will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, 1:00 - 5:00 PM with the exciting Finals Sunday, September 4th, 1:00-5:00 PM.

NEW THIS YEAR is the opportunity for local talent searches across Nebraska to send their Overall Winner(s) to the Galaxy of Stars® Semi-Finals to represent their community. County Fairs, The Chamber Of Commerce, Local Organizations and the media interested in becoming a partner and hosting a talent search are encouraged to contact Wynne Adams the Executive Producer of the Galaxy of Stars® for more information.

The GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search is open to Nebraska Residents only. Contestants competing at the State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search will be selected from the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Mail-In Video Contest and the local partner talent searches. All Mail-In Video and Songwriting Contest entries will be judged by professionals in the music industry in Nashville, Tennessee. 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. All entries must be received on or before July 25th. Qualifying video entries and top songwriters will be posted on the Galaxy of Stars® website by Aug. 2nd.**

Video Contestants enter in one of 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 (DVD or VHS) can be made with a digital or video camera. Talent and quality of performance is emphasized, *not* the highest quality of recording. The Galaxy of Stars® Songwriting Contest is open to all ages. Songwriters submit a CD or Cassette. Entry Forms can be downloaded at www.galaxyofstarstalentsearch.com. A minimum of 20 qualified Video contestants will advance to the State Fair competition along with the winners of the Galaxy of Stars® Partner Talent Searches from across the State of Nebraska.

The Songwriting Contest winners are selected from the Mail-In Songwriting Contest according to a rank of the highest scoring songs. The top 3 songwriters will showcase their songs at the Nebraska State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Finals. The highest scoring 15 songs will be announced at the finals and Nebraska songwriters will receive their awards during the award ceremony on Sept. 4th.

The 2011 Nebraska State Fair opens August 26 and will run through Labor Day, September 5. For more information on the State Fair visit www.statefair.org.

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