

**2024 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EVENTS
TALENT SHOWCASE RULES AND REGULATIONS
JANUARY 4-6, 2024
GALVESTON ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER
GALVESTON, TEXAS**

1. To perform in the Talent Showcase, acts must be or become members of TAF&E or be represented by an agency that is a member in good standing of organization. **The showcase selection committee will only judge acts that are CURRENT members of TAF&E.** If a non-member wants to submit an application for consideration, they may do so and submit online membership (\$100/annually) (www.texasfairs.com) simultaneously.

2. All performance/video requests for the Talent Showcase should be submitted via email with an official application form, along with an electronic press kit to include but not limited to photo, bio, previous places performed/references and MP3 file(s) on or before 5 p.m. CST on **Friday, October 13, 2023**. It is requested that you supply a link or include footage of you performing to a live crowd for the selection committee to better evaluate how you interact with a crowd. Please submit materials to:
Tafedliveley99@gmail.com AND texasfairsandevents@gmail.com

3. For all Showcase Stage Acts (Musical or Variety), one -time slot of 20 minutes (**absolute maximum**) will be allotted to each selected act. All artists must be prepared to perform at their designated time. Any additional set-up time will be taken out of the allotted 20 minutes. Each act will be asked to submit specific information to be included in the showcase program. If none is received, then information will be derived from application information submitted and/or website content. Specific information for special introductions should be submitted to the association office PRIOR to the convention but no later than Friday, December 8, 2023 for inclusion in the 20-minute allotment.

4. For all Video Showcase Acts, a one timeone time slot of 3 minutes (absolute maximum) will be allotted. **The actual 3 minute video to be aired at the 2024 Texas Association of Fairs and Events Convention must be submitted for selection in any of the following file formats: .wmv, .mp4 or .mov.** As our schedule permits, Video showcase(s) will be aired at a minimum, once during either the Friday evening dinner showcase or periodically during the TAF&E Convention. Please remember that it is hard for the talent buyers to fairly evaluate your act if the video quality is not superior. To ensure a quality showcase, any video that is deemed not of suitable quality by the selection committee will be rejected and not considered to be shown. The decisions of the selection committee are final.

5. For all Strolling Acts, each act will be allowed to showcase during the trade show and cocktail parties/receptions held prior to the opening of the doors for the Friday and Saturday evening meal functions as well as any other opportunity deemed appropriate.

6. TAF&E will provide the following for the **Showcase Stage Acts**:

VENUE: Main Ballroom or Trade Show at Galveston Island Convention Center

STAGING: Stage to be altered

PRODUCTION: Professional sound and lighting and power
(Additional stage labor provided to assist with set changes)

7. The Talent Showcase Chair will determine the program order for the respective showcases.
8. All acts or agents of acts that are selected to perform (stage or strolling) or presented via video in the Talent Showcases must **purchase a Trade Show Booth at the 2023 Texas Association of Fairs and Events Convention**. Please see the 2024 TAFE Trade Show Rules & Regulations and Booth Order Form (online at texasfairs.com) for pricing and all additional details.
9. When submitting your act, you must include a signed copy of the attached "Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement" as a condition of consideration.
10. If you or your agency's act is selected, you will be notified of your performance date and time by **November 15, 2023** along with other pertinent information.
11. All paperwork and trade show booth reservations/payment (see #8 above) must be received by **December 3, 2023**.
12. Musical acts will be selected based on the format submitted (ie: band, solo artist, acoustic show, etc.) and **MUST** perform as such. Any changes to the act's performance format must have prior approval by TAFE before being allowed to perform.
13. In an effort to expose more acts to our TAF&E Members ANY act that received a stage showcase in 2023 will **NOT** be eligible for another stage showcase in 2024. All other showcase acts are still eligible to apply.