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New Mexico State Fair to Hold National Anthem Auditions

Local talent will perform the National Anthem at State Fair Rodeo/Concerts

Albuquerque, NM – The State Fair is looking for talented New Mexicans to perform the National Anthem at Tingley Coliseum, commencing the opening of the PRCA Rodeos. Those selected by the judging committee will perform the beloved anthem to audiences at the beginning of each PRCA event throughout the fair, which runs September 8 -18, 2022.

This year's auditions will be held both in-person and virtually, thus opening up this unique opportunity to talented vocalists and musicians throughout the state. Live auditions will be held on Thursday, August 18 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Boxcar Stage located on the fairgrounds at EXPO New Mexico. Performers wishing to audition virtually should record a video of their performance and provide a public link using the space provided on the application. National Anthem auditions are open to all ages. Individuals and groups of 4 or fewer people are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply for in-person auditions and submit virtual auditions is Tuesday, August 16 in order to qualify. Application and rules can be found at <https://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/national-anthem-audition>.

The first fifty applications submitted will be selected for an audition. Selected in-person auditionees will be notified of their audition time via email. A panel of judges will evaluate all eligible auditions, live and virtual, according to the criteria of overall appeal of vocal performances and accuracy of lyrics. Winners will receive two tickets to the PRCA Rodeo for the day which they are performing. The New Mexico State Fair runs September 8 – 18, 2022.

For more information about the 2022 New Mexico State Fair, visit statefair.exponm.com

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