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## **New Mexico State Fair to Host National Anthem Auditions**

**Albuquerque, NM** - The New Mexico State Fair is once again searching for talented local singers to perform the National Anthem at the commencement of each rodeo during this year's State Fair. This one-of-a-kind opportunity gives talented New Mexicans the chance to sing the beloved anthem to an audience of thousands at the PRCA Rodeos inside Tingley Coliseum.

This year, applications will be accepted for live auditions as well as online auditions. Live auditions will be held on Wednesday, August 18 beginning at 5:00 pm at the New Mexico State Fair Pavilion located on the fairgrounds at EXPO New Mexico. Those who choose to audition virtually should record a video of their performance and provide a public link using the space provided in the application. Individuals and groups of 5 people or fewer are encouraged to apply. Those interested in auditioning live or online must submit an application by Monday, August 16 in order to qualify. Applications and rules can be found at <https://statefair.exponm.com/p/getconnected/competitions/national-anthem-audition>.

The first fifty applications submitted will be selected for an audition. Selected individuals and groups will be notified by phone. A panel of judges will evaluate all eligible auditions, live and virtual, according to the criteria of overall appeal of vocal performance and accuracy of lyrics. Winners will receive tickets to the PRCA rodeo for the day which they are performing. The New Mexico State Fair runs September 9 - 19, 2021.

For more information about the 2021 New Mexico State Fair, visit [statefair.exponm.com](https://statefair.exponm.com).

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