

# Eastern Community Church presents.... “Rockin” Your Talent Show

## Rules & Regulations

The Eastern Community Church “Rockin Your Talent” showcase is open to youth ages 9 to 19.

**Each Person** performing must complete a “Rockin Your Talent” Application Packet. Forms can be found @easterncommuntiy.org. You may also call Eastern Community Church at (301) 322-9787.

**Each Person** performing will be responsible for the distribution of six (6) tickets. Ticket donations are \$20 each.

The contest will feature a maximum of 15 acts. If by the deadline, the maximum is not met, acts will be added from the wait list in order received until a total amount of 15 acts is reached.

Contestants may perform either alone or as part of a group. Contestants may participate in one act only, whether alone or as part of a group.

Prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The award schedule is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$300.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$150.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$75.00

All other participants will receive a participation certificate

Acts must not run more than 5 minutes. **Acts Running Over 5 Minutes Will Be Ended By The EMCEE** and five (5) points will be deducted from their total points. The act is timed from the first vocal utterance if singing; the first body movement if dancing; the first musical sound if instrumental; etc.

Contestants must register with the event coordinators at 2:00 PM, an hour before the program begins.

Baton-twirlers or similar acts using batons, machetes, knives etc., will not be accepted. No fire, smoke or smoke-effect nor any live animals will be allowed in any acts.

Vocal/Instrumental Backup: Instrumental accompaniment by a person other than the performer is allowed, but will not be factored into judging. No participants may have live vocal backup unless they are competing as part of the act. Lead vocals must be removed from the recording or ten (10) points will be deducted from total score. Background vocals

are allowed but cannot exceed 50% of the song and there must be adequate time for the judges to hear the contestants' voice with no "voiceover" or ten (10) points will be deducted from total score. Judges will have final say on this ruling.

All non-live music must be on a CD with only that song. Eastern Community Church is not responsible for any CD, which is not picked up following the talent show. Please label CDs with your name for identification.

All lyrics, actions, and dress of any act must comply with the policies of the Code of Conduct, and acts must be appropriate for a **church family event**. Any acts deemed inappropriate will be ended by the coordinators and promptly disqualified. (Please refer to page 3).

Eastern Community Church holds the right to use performers name and/or photo for any further publicity photos.

Scoring: One to ten points (1 being lowest) will be awarded for each of the following four judging categories:

- Stage Presence/Attire (confidence, projection, showmanship)
- Skill (talent, ability, expertise)
- Preparedness (practiced, precision, accuracy)
- Entertainment Value (creativity, appropriateness, appeal)

A pass will be provided for each contestant and **one** parent/guardian if the participant is not of legal driving age.

Equipment Provided: Microphones and a sound system will be provided. Contestants must provide all other needed equipment.

All musicians must provide their own instruments, unless otherwise arranged beforehand.

# Eastern Community Church Code of Conduct

## **Behaviors Prohibited**

- Possession, selling, and/or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and illegal drugs OR being present where individuals are using alcohol, tobacco products and/or any illegal substances
- Use of profanity
- Any kind of sexually related physical contact
- Possession of weapons or firearms
- Behavior that violates state or local laws
- Damage to property of others
- Theft, misuse or abuse of public or personal property
- Conduct that jeopardizes the safety of self or others
- Conduct that disrupts or interferes with the operation of the “Rockin” your Talent show.
- Inappropriate dress, including but not limited to clothing that is sexually suggestive, indecent, or otherwise disruptive to the operations or goals Eastern Community Church include clothing with negative or hateful language or symbols; see-through blouses, skirts or pants; sagging pants; exposed undergarments; bare midriff shirts; and excessively short or tight garments.

# Registration Form Official Use only # \_\_\_\_\_

To register: Complete all forms and return via mail to:

VBS Fundraiser  
Eastern Community Church  
8213 Manson Street  
Landover, Maryland 20785

All entries must be postmark by March 9, 2018.

*(Please Print)*

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Gender: Please check one  Male  Female

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For contestants under 18 years of age, please have your Parent/Guardian fill out the section below.

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Act:

- Vocal (solo, duet, ensemble)
- Instrumental (solo, duet, ensemble)
- Theater/Drama (dramatic or poetry reading, monologue, comedy routine)
- Dance (tap, jazz, modern, ballet, hip hop)
- Variety (magic acts, ventriloquism acts etc.)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please specify)*

- Please note that there is no auditions, applications will be taken on a firsts come bases until we reach our 15-act limit.
- There is no Registration Fee, however each participant is responsible for the distribution of six (6) tickets. Ticket donations are \$20 each. All proceeds go to benefit Eastern Community Church Vacation Bible School.

**All monies must be turned in by April 1, 2018.**

Method of Payment: Cash, Money Order or Check (payable to Eastern Community Church).

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$150.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$75.00

It is recommended that you keep a copy of this form for your records.

**Note:** This registration form may be copied. Forms must be filled out completely.

## Deadlines & Important Dates

### **Registration deadline**

March 9, 2018

### **Information date**

March 17, 2018

10am – 12pm

### **Rehearsal**

April 7, 2018

10am – 12pm

All contestants **MUST ATTEND** to receive information on prizes, performance line-up, dress code, etc., and to test equipment and work out any issues.

### **“Rockin” Your Talent Show**

April 14, 2018

3:00 – 6:00 PM

*Contestants will be notified of their selection status by phone/email.*

*Contestants will be notified in advance of any changes or additional dates.*

## Photograph/Media Release Form

As a legal guardian or parent of the youth indicated below, I grant Eastern Community Church the authority to record and/or photograph my son and/or daughter for instructional, promotional and educational purposes. Photos of participants are often taken in order to document and promote our programs and services. These photos may be used in program brochures, photo displays, and on our website. We will not release any names or give any other information out regarding the identification of individuals in the photos without their prior consent. This consent form is to obtain permission to use your son/daughter's image ONLY.

I understand that images attained will not be reproduced in whole or part for any purposes other than stated above. This form must be completed and returned to Eastern Community Church prior to the program.

**Name of Child/Youth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Last Name)

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Purpose of Usage:

- TO BE USED FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES TO ILLUSTRATE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM

**Please circle one: Yes No**

**(If selected yes, please fill out the following statement)**

I hereby give the permission for Eastern Community Church to use photographs of my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, taken during the program to be used for instructional, promotional and educational purposes.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

FORM FOR PARTICIPATION

By our signatures below, we acknowledge that we are aware of, appreciate the character of, and voluntarily assume the risks involved in participating in

“Rockin” Your Talent Show Rehearsal(s)”  
“Rockin” Your Talent Show”

By our signatures below, on behalf of ourselves, our heirs, next of kin, successors in interest, assigns, personal representatives, and agents, we hereby:

1. Waive any claim or cause of action against and release from liability Eastern Community Church, officers, employees, and agents from any liability for injuries to person or property resulting from participation in the activity(s) listed above.
2. Agree to indemnify and hold harmless Eastern Community Church, its officers, employees, and agents for any claims, causes of action, or liability to any other person arising from participation in the activity listed above.

WE UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. WE HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ UNDERSTAND I AM PERFORMING AT MY OWN RISK AND WAIVE ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITIES OF EASTERN COMMUNITY CHURCH, IN ADDITION TO I UNDERSTAND I HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUE IN ANY INSTANCE FOR ANY MATTER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OF THIS EVENT.

Minor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This copy will be kept on file at Eastern Community Church located at 8213 Manson Street,  
Landover, Maryland 20785