

**DEPT. 20A TALENT COMPETITION
COLUMBIA COUNTY'S GOT TALENT**

September 2-7, 2026 columbiafair.com 518-444-3247

NO ENTRY FEE

Contestants must pay admission into the fair unless you are 12 and under

JUDGING WEDNESDAY North Gate Entertainment Barn

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All Entries must go through Showworks to be entered
2. Each division is judged on the following criteria:
3. Voice, Dance or Instrumental Quality
4. Dynamics/Articulation (voice)/Precision (dance/instrumental)
5. Stage Presence
6. Overall Performance
7. Audience Appeal
8. The initial competition is a qualifying round for each division.
9. The top 6 performers of each division will qualify for the Finals.

Eligibility:

10. The ensemble will compete in the division to which most of its members belong, or if equally divided will compete in the older division.
11. Contestants must be prepared to produce proof of age at any time during the contest.
12. Contestants cannot use weapons, fire, or pets in their acts.
13. Contestants must be amateurs. They must not have been under contract for reimbursement for performance at the Fair, and not be professionals or union members
14. Performers using pre-recorded music must provide the music to our DJ at least 7 days prior to the competition. This music may be on nearly any electronic device, CD or may be emailed to the DJ at ebluedj@aol.com. For vocalists, your accompaniment selection must not include any vocals, except for "back-up" vocals. Singers who sing-along with other vocalists are not allowed to compete at the state level and therefore cannot be judged at the local level. Once music is accepted by the DJ your selection may not be changed. Please bring a backup copy of your music selection.
15. Performances should not be longer than 5 minutes.
16. Performances which require large stage spaces or more than 3 to 4 minutes of set up time cannot be accommodated. Our available performance space is approximately 24' X 24'. The stage is about 30" high and reached by a small set of steps. We will provide a sound system with microphone(s) and stands, and we can accommodate one electronic device (for instruments, etc.).
17. **If selected to go to the Finals, your performance and appearance is to be exactly the same as in the qualifying round.**
18. Each contestant will be asked to sign a photo release, in the event that the Fair wants to utilize your photo in future advertising.