



Participation Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in performing in Old Saybrook's Annual Community Treasures Variety Show. In order to keep the show enjoyable for all and manageable there are several important pieces of information you should be aware of in order to participate.

Please note: ***While on the school campuses***, adults and young people alike are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations of the school system. This applies to previews, rehearsals and the performance.

To start, please know:

- A signed registration form must be submitted either on-line or in person to the Variety Show Committee prior to or at the time of the act's preview.
- A \$15.00 Registration fee (payable to Youth & Family Services) is due prior to your Preview appointment.
- Children under the age of 13 must be supervised by an adult during previews, rehearsals and performances.
- Due to the large numbers of acts in recent years, **each performer may be in only one act** (in addition to one group act). Family acts are encouraged. The Committee reserves the right to combine similar acts to accommodate greater participation.
- All acts must be previewed by the Variety Show Committee. This includes a review of lyrics and costumes to ensure they are appropriate for our audience of all ages.
- The ***maximum*** length of time allowed for each act is 3 minutes.
- At the time of your preview, all acts requiring accompanying music must provide *a copy* of your music (on CD or flash drive – MP3 or WAV formats preferred) which has been cut at a natural/logical point to fit within the time allocated – 3 minutes or less! Your CD/flash drive will be kept by our technicians until the show is over.
- As you prepare for preview, please consider all elements of your performance such as stage lighting, curtains and microphones and be prepared to discuss your performance needs with the Variety Show Committee at the time of your preview.
- You will be notified at least two weeks prior to the show as to which Act (I or II) you will be performing in.

Regarding rehearsals, please know:

- In lieu of our traditional 5 minute “Costume Preview”, all acts are required to forward a photo of all performers in costume to the Variety Show Committee (wendy.mill@oldsaybrookct.gov) no later than Friday, April 27th . However, should you wish to present your costume in person, please contact Wendy Mill to make an appointment.
- All acts must participate in the technical/dress rehearsals which will take place in the High School auditorium as noted below. The rehearsal will be run in the same order in which acts are scheduled for the performance.
 - Act I Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 1st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
 - Act II Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Regarding the performance, please know:

- We ask that performers, family and friends follow “Broadway etiquette”, and respect that doors to the auditorium will be opened when we are ready for the entire audience to enter.
- Act I performers will assemble in the cafeteria at 5:45 p.m. (45 minutes before the performance) *with appropriate chaperones*. At that time Act II performers will be seated in the auditorium.
- During intermission, Act II performers will move to the cafeteria *with appropriate chaperones* and Act I performers will move to the auditorium to watch the rest of the show.
- A live feed will be set up in the cafeteria to enable waiting performers to enjoy the show in progress!
- Following your performance you will return to the cafeteria to gather any of your necessary items. You will then be escorted by a Variety Show Committee Representative to the reserved seating section to enjoy the remainder of the Act.

Other items of interest:

- Tickets go on sale beginning Friday, April 27th at the locations listed below. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.
 - Price is \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and \$5 students.
 - Tickets will be sold at:
 - OS Youth and Family Services
 - Additional locations in town –to be determined
- Flower “Glitter-grams” for performers and refreshments will be on sale in the lobby.
- Refreshments will be available during intermission.

Have Questions?

- Please contact: Wendy Mill, Program Coordinator
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