



RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, Inc. (P.E.C.) announces its "Traditions" Competition to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at the 34th annual ZORA! Festival of the Arts in Historic Eatonville, Florida. An event committee governs all aspects of the competition. The event committee created a selection committee comprised of at least five individuals to select finalists from digital submissions. Three to five celebrities have been invited to serve as judges and choose the winners at the competition on Sunday, January 29, 2023. High School students (grades 9-12) are eligible. All acts must submit their application, a live link to an audition video, and a signed waiver for each performer by November 18, 2022. Groups MUST submit their waivers together. Accompanists must also submit a waiver. If any performer is under 18, a parent/guardian must also sign the waiver for that performer. If a finalist is under age 18 and selected to perform at the January 29 event, a parent/guardian must attend with that finalist.

ELIGIBILITY:

- This competition is open to all High School students (grades 9-12).
- Professional entertainers are not eligible. A "professional" is defined as anyone whose livelihood is from the type of performance entered in the competition.
- Professional accompanists are permitted and must complete a waiver by November 18, 2022. If used, professional Accompanists must appear in the audition video.
- Performance categories: singing, instrumentals, comedy, and spoken word.
- Batons, pyrotechnics, dangerous equipment or live animals are prohibited.
- Music tracks are allowed for instrumental accompaniment only.
- Lip sync and karaoke are not permitted.

AUDITION VIDEOS:

- Any video submitted for audition must be the actual performance piece with contestant(s) in performance attire. Performances using changes in performers, music, attire, or content will be disqualified.
- Audition videos must be a minimum of 2 minutes and no more than 3.5 minutes in length. No exceptions.
- All acts must be appropriate for family audiences. This determination is made at the sole discretion of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee's decision is final.
- Waivers and professional headshots (if you have one) are a required for each audition by November 18, 2022.
- PLEASE NOTE: Audition videos submitted by those not selected as finalists will be deleted and not retained or used for any purpose.

FINALISTS:

- Finalists will be notified by Friday, December 16, 2022.
- All finalists must have provided a full-color, high-resolution headshot (300 dpi or higher) with their initial application received no later than Friday, November 18, 2022.
- Finalists who are unable to perform on January 29 must notify the Selection Committee via email (zoratrads@gmail.com).

EVENT PERFORMANCE:

- Finalists will perform on the Main Stage at the ZORA! Festival of the Arts from 12:30 – 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 29, 2023 and MUST check-in at the stage no later than 11:30 AM.
- Judges will score the finalists on overall talent, showmanship and creativity. The decision of the judges is final.

- Equipment provided at the venue includes a sound system. Finalists must bring anything else they may need to the performance. All contestants must use the sound system provided.
- All rules will be strictly enforced. Any violations will result in immediate disqualification.
- Please direct all questions via email to zoratradsitions@gmail.com.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top finalists courtesy of the Valencia College Foundation.

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