Description of Performing Skills, Talent and Experiences

Tell us about yourself or your group, how you came to be a performer, (how your group got together), some of the places you've performed and why you enjoy performing. (Note: if selected this information will be used to write your introduction for the emcee). You may attach a typed sheet (label and staple securely). If you handwrite, please print legibly.

Name of Individual or Group: _____

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PRINT the name of the Milwaukee County Senior Center where you or at least one member of your group belongs.

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Print name of Milwaukee County Senior Center affiliation here

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the information and agree to abide by the entry rules.

- I, or at least one member of my group, have joined the following senior center located in Milwaukee County.
- I, or at least one member of my group, am a resident of Milwaukee County.
- Neither I, nor any member of the above named group, engage in this activity as a source of taxable income.
- I and all members of my group are at least 50 years of age or older. The personal information as set forth is true and correct.

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Signature of individual or group leader

Deadline for submission of this official entry form is March 28, 2014, 4:00 P.M. No exceptions.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE 7TH ANNUAL GOLDEN IDOL

*Audition to Win **or** Vote for Winner*

If you would like to audition for the 7th annual Golden Idol, please see rules inside this brochure and complete inside application. Deadline for applications, Friday, March 28, 2014

If you would like to Vote for the Winner come and attend one of several "Voting Parties"

Voting is a major key to our contestants' success!
Voting is fun and exciting entertainment!

Voting Parties

When: Friday, May 2, through Friday, May 16
Where: Milwaukee County Senior Centers & Milwaukee County Senior Dining Sites
How: Join the party, watch taped auditions with friends and other members of the senior center, enjoy refreshments, and have fun. Votes will be used along with the judge's scores to determine the top ten semi-finalists.

Be a part of the action - Vote to select the Top Ten Semi-Finalist!
It's easy, it's fun, and it's your chance to participate!

Please contact your local Milwaukee County Senior Center for dates and times of voting parties or call 414-289-6874 or visit our website www.county.milwaukee.gov/aging

Semi-finalists Announcement

On Wednesday, May 21 the top ten semi-finalists will be contacted and informed they have made it to the finals.

Remember contestants, **YOU ONLY WIN IF YOUR PUBLIC VOTES FOR YOU!!!!**

Finalists Announcement

- The Golden Idol winner, and First, Second and Third Place Runners-up will be announced LIVE at the Final Competition on June 10th.
- The winners are selected by a panel of judges based on their performance at the Final Competition only.
- The Final Competition is a FREE ticketed event, open to the public.

The mission of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging is to affirm the dignity and value of the older adults of Milwaukee County by supporting their choices for living in, and giving to our community

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7th Annual! Golden Idol

2014 Talent Contest

Submit this entry form to discover if YOU are the next Golden Idol!

JOIN the FUN!

Rules and Information

Official Entry

Official entry forms are available at all senior centers located in Milwaukee County, or visit our website at www. county.milwaukee.gov/aging

1. Completed entry forms will be accepted at all senior centers in Milwaukee County. Senior center addresses are available on our website: www.county.milwaukee.gov/aging.
2. **Entries must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, March 28, 2014. No Exceptions.**
3. If you are selected to audition, you will be notified on or before April 10, 2013 via telephone. Three unsuccessful attempts to contact applicants will result in disqualification.

Auditions

1. All auditions will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at Wilson Park Senior Center, from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.
2. Contestants should plan to arrive at least one-half hour before their scheduled audition appointment.
3. Auditions are limited to four minutes. You will be stopped after four minutes have passed. Musical groups and vocalists are allowed to perform a medley of tunes, but must remain within the four-minute time limit. Judges will be instructed to mark off penalty points resulting in a LOWER SCORE for contestants going OVERTIME. Any other rule violation would likely result in disqualification from further competition.
4. An accompanist, when not part of the act, may be any age. Vocalists may use taped accompaniment or CDs, provided the tape or CD contains musical accompaniment only. Absolutely NO VOCALS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED on vocal performance accompaniment tapes or CDs. No lapel microphones or headset microphones will be allowed. You must use the equipment provided by the Golden Idol Contest Coordinators.
5. Be sure CDs are of high quality. A bad recording detracts from a performance. Music will be collected when contestants are called to perform. CDS MUST BE CUED AND READY TO PLAY PRIOR TO YOUR PERFORMANCE. For vocalists CDs, they MAY NOT HAVE ANY VOCALS OF ANY KIND. Vocal acts WILL BE DISQUALIFIED if there are vocals on the accompaniment CD.
6. All performers are expected to sign a photo and name release to be used in promotional materials as determined by Milwaukee County, Golden Idol Sponsors and MATA Community Media.

Final Competition

1. The competition will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., at American Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53219.
2. Contestants are judged on quality of performance (talent), stage presence (use of stage/microphone, eye contact, etc.), entertainment value (was the audience entertained, did they enjoy the act), and selection (did the selection fit the contestant's ability to perform, was it appropriate for the performer/venue/audience).
3. **Judges' decision is final (this applies throughout the auditions as well as the finals) and score sheets are not released to the contestants or the public.**
4. There will be an award for the Golden Idol winner and the First, Second, and Third Place Runners-up.

Winners Duties

1. The Golden Idol winner or First, Second, or Third Place Runner-up of the Milwaukee County Golden Idol Talent Contest, is expected to honor reasonable requests to perform at special events in Milwaukee County over twelve months following the contest.
2. Golden Idol winner will debut at Seniorfest 2014 on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at American Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53219.
3. Winners may be asked to represent Milwaukee County Department on Aging and Golden Idol in a non-performing capacity at various events or meetings.

Eligibility Checklist

- ❑ This competition is open only to **amateurs** defined as individuals or groups whose talent is not a source of taxable income.
- ❑ Individuals or at least one group member must be a Milwaukee County resident.
- ❑ The individual or at least one group member will join a senior center located in Milwaukee County prior to auditioning.
- ❑ Individuals and all group members must be 50 years of age or older.
- ❑ Past winners of the Golden Idol title are not eligible to apply.
- ❑ Acts are limited to: musicians, vocalists, vocal groups, musical groups, presentations by mixed vocals, musical groups and dancers as well as other amateur performing arts.
- ❑ Submit completed entry form to any senior center located in Milwaukee County before **4:00 P.M., March 28, 2014**. Senior center addresses are available on our website www.county.milwaukee.gov/aging. No entry will be accepted after the deadline - no exceptions.
- ❑ Detach and submit completed and signed entry form, however, please save "Rules" brochure until after June 10th to refer to very important information.

2014 Entry Form
Golden Idol Talent Competition

Name of Individual or Group Act: _____

Contact Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Best Phone Number for call backs: _____

E-mail address: _____

Description of Act: _____

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Number of performers: _____

Group member names: attach extra sheet if more space needed

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

How long have you or your group been doing this act? _____

Audition Location and Date:

April 15, 2014 - Wilson Park Senior Center
2601 W. Howard Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53221
(**Studio Audition, open to performers *only***)

Note: Both sides of this form must be fully completed, application not valid unless signed.