



Welcome to the **Mesilla Valley's Got Talent 2018 Competition** sponsored by the *Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club*.

The 2018 Competition will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm in the Rio Grande Theater located at 211 North Main Street in Las Cruces. The Talent Show is open to people between the ages of six and eighteen years of age to perform before an audience demonstrating your talent as a performing artist. To compete, you may be a musician, dancer, singer, ventriloquist, thespian, or other performing artist. You may perform individually or as a duet, band, or larger group.

The competition is separated into two groups by age, Junior competition for those of ages between six and twelve and the Senior competition for those of ages between thirteen and eighteen. Your age on the day of the Talent Show, Sunday, April 22, 2018, is the date used to determine which division in which you may compete.

In order to compete in the Talent Show, you must complete the application and submit the completed application along with the entry fee no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, March 30, 2018. You must mail or deliver your application and payment to: ***Andrea Dresser, c/o Counseling Las Cruces, located at 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.***

The application is two pages in length and is followed by a page with rules for the Talent Show and a page with a checklist to remind you of the important dates and times in order to be eligible to compete.

Three professionals will judge each act and determine a score which will be used to determine the three acts in each division which will receive monetary awards. All contestants are considered winners as you each grow your skills when you take advantage of the opportunity to perform before an audience. Each contestant will receive a certificate of participation to help you remember the fun of performing in this Talent Show.

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, beginning at 3:00 pm, one week prior to the Talent Show, all contestants are ***required*** to attend a dress rehearsal and coaching session. During this coaching session, three professional performing artists will watch each act and coach contestants helping you improve your act and potentially your score, thus providing you a better opportunity not only to win the competition but also to improve your performing skills. The coaching session is a very unique aspect of this Talent Show and has helped performers in the past to vastly improve their performances both for the contest and for all their future performances.

The Talent Show will be recorded and DVDs will be available by Friday, April 27, 2018. DVDs may ***ONLY*** be ordered at the time the fees are paid. DVDs are \$25 each.

After you have read through the rules and checklist, should you have unanswered questions, you may text, telephone or email Allison Smith, a member of the Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club and Chairwoman of the Talent Show. Her contact information is available on the application and at the bottom of the page containing the rules.

We wish you great success both in this Talent Show and in your future as a performing artist.

Members of the Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club

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The Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club presents the 17th Youth Talent Contest

Mesilla Valley's Got Talent Application



Competition begins at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 22, 2018
Rio Grande Theater, 211 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico

*Dress Rehearsal coaching by professional coaches and teachers takes place on Sunday, April 15, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Rio Grande Theater and is **REQUIRED** in order to compete.*

Please print legibly:

Contestant Name: _____ Parent or Guardian Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____

Email: _____ @ _____ . _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

If a duet or group act (more than two (2) members), please include all group members' names and birth dates below (if there are more than 7 members of the group, please provide the remaining names and birth dates on page 4 of the application):

1. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
2. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
3. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
4. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
5. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
6. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
7. _____ Birth date: ____/____/____

Prizes:

Junior Division: 1st Place wins \$225; 2nd Place wins \$175; and, 3rd Place wins \$125
Senior Division: 1st Place wins \$300; 2nd Place wins \$225; and, 3rd Place wins \$150

Application Deadline Friday, March 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM

Age Division: ___ Junior Division (6 - 12 yrs. (born between April 21, 2005 and April 22, 2011, inclusive))
___ Senior Division (13 - 18 yrs. (born between April 22, 2000 and April 22, 2005, inclusive))
(Note: the oldest member of a duet or group act determines the age division level)

Type of Act: ___ Individual ___ Group (more than one (1) contestant)

Category: ___ Mariachi ___ Dance ___ Skits ___ Instrumental ___ Vocal

Other (please specify): _____

Performance title (NOTE: NO changes will be accepted after Friday, April 6, 2018 at 2:00 pm):

Please briefly describe your performance: _____

Students and parents or guardians agree and hold harmless the Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club and Rotary International for any theft and/or destruction of personal property while performing in this competition. This program will be videotaped. I hereby give my permission to be filmed and/or photographed. I agree to comply with the contest rules. I understand that not attending the REQUIRED dress rehearsal DISQUALIFIES the contestant, duet or group from performing and that fees paid shall not be refunded.

Signed: _____ **Date:** ____/____/2018
Student

Signed: _____ **Date:** ____/____/2018
Parent or Legal Guardian

Entry fee if paid <i>on or before</i> Friday, February 9, 2018:	Entry fee if paid <i>after</i> Friday, February 9, 2018:
Individual: \$20 Duet: \$35	Individual: \$25 Duet: \$40
Group of 3-5: \$40 Group of 6 or more: \$50	Group of 3-5: \$45 Group of 6 or more: \$55

- **One** free ticket to the show for a guest will be given to **each** performer in an act.
- Talent Show Admission: Children under 12: free All others: \$5
- Credit cards are **NOT** accepted. Make checks payable to:

LC RIO GRANDE ROTARY FOUNDATION with "TALENT SHOW" on the memo line.

**Deadline: Application and Payment Must be Received by
Friday, March 30, 2018 by 2:00 pm**

Mail or Hand Deliver Application To:

Youth Talent Contest
c/o Andrea Dresser
Counseling Las Cruces
133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3
Las Cruces, NM 88005-2962

*If you have unanswered questions, you may text or telephone Allison Smith at 575.644.4609
or by email at: aklobby@gmail.com*

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Application and DVD Fees

Use this form 1) to identify your entry fee to compete and 2) to order your DVD recording of the competition. This form and your completed application form must be received no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, March 30, 2018 by: Andrea Dresser, c/o Counseling Las Cruces, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3, Las Cruces, NM 88005-2962.

Date of payment: _____ / _____ / 2018

Number of performers in your act: _____

Name of performer submitting the application: _____
Please print the first, middle and last name of performer submitting the application

Entry fee:

When paid <i>on or before</i> Friday, February 9, 2018:		When paid <i>AFTER</i> Friday, February 9, 2018:	
1 performer in act	\$20	1 performer in act	\$25
2 performers in act	\$35	2 performers in act	\$40
3 - 5 performers in act	\$40	3 - 5 performers in act	\$45
6 or more performers in act	\$50	6 or more performers in act	\$55

- Credit cards are **NOT** accepted. Pay with cash or make checks payable to:

LC RIO GRANDE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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Amount Due and Paid:

Item	Quantity	Cost each	Entry Fee / DVD Cost
Entry Fee	1	\$	\$
DVDs		\$ 25	\$
Total amount due			\$
Amount paid			\$
"Cash" or check number			

Name of person paying the amount shown above

Name of person receiving the payment shown above

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Remaining Group Contestants' Names and Stage Plot / Equipment

Remaining Group Contestant's Names and Birth dates (begun on Application page 1 of 4)

8.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
9.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
10.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
11.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
12.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
13.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
14.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
15.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
16.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
17.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
18.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
19.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____
20.	_____	Birth date: ____/____/_____

Equipment which will be brought by contestants and used in their performance

If your act uses the stage in a unique and uncommon way, please describe your anticipated use below:

17th Mesilla Valley's Got Talent
Rio Grande Theater
211 N. Main Street

REQUIRED dress rehearsal
and professional coaching
session at the
Rio Grande Theater on
Sunday, April 15, 2018
beginning at 3:00 pm,
ending around 6:00 pm



COMPETITION
Sunday, April 22, 2018
All contestants must arrive
no later than 2:00 pm
at the Rio Grande Theater's
back door on Water Street

Competition begins at
3:00 pm

TALENT CONTEST RULES

1. **Age Divisions:** All acts compete in one of two different age divisions based on the age of the contestant on April 22, 2018 or the age of the oldest member of a duet or group on April 22, 2018.
2. **Applications and entry fees:** Cash or check **only** may be submitted either 1) by USPS or 2) delivered in person. All applications and entry fees **must** be **received** no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, March 30, 2018. Both the mailing and personal delivery address are: **Andrea Dresser, c/o Counseling Las Cruces, 133 Wyatt Drive Suite 3, Las Cruces, NM 88005-2962**
3. **Personal Behavior:** Contestants will exhibit appropriate behavior and dress for the audience. No offensive or politically incorrect material will be permitted. Contestants who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of their performance shall be disqualified.
4. **Participation:** Contestants may perform as a solo act and may also participate in a separate group act. When a person is part of two different acts, an entry fee is required for each act. Only one performance per act is allowed.
5. **Staging and Equipment:** If you are using special equipment or special staging is necessary for the act, contestants must provide an equipment list and stage plot. Space is provided on page 4 of the application. If the space provided is insufficient, please add an additional page and appropriately title what you place on the added page.
6. **Piano:** A professionally tuned piano will be provided on stage.
7. **Accessories:** Pyrotechnics, including fire, flaming batons, sparklers or fog are **NOT** allowed. Live animals may **NOT** be used in any routine.
8. **Limited performance length:** Maximum act length is 6 minutes, with prop set-up time limited to 3 minutes.
9. **Recorded musical accompaniment:** Recorded musical accompaniment must be submitted on CD or USB Flash Drive together with a backup, labeled with your name, and the name of your performance. A back-up CD or USB Flash Drive **is** required. CD or USB must be received at **133 Wyatt Drive Suite 3 no later than Friday, April 6, 2018 at 2:00 pm!**
10. **Required Dress Rehearsal:** All contestants, including all members of duets or groups, must arrive by 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the Rio Grande Theater to participate in the **REQUIRED dress rehearsal and coaching** session provided by professional talent coaches or teachers. Failure of any contestant to attend the **REQUIRED** dress rehearsal disqualifies the contestant from competing in the contest with **NO** refund of fees paid. Failure of any member of a group act to attend the **REQUIRED** dress rehearsal disqualifies the act (all members of the group) from competing in the contest with **NO** refund of fees paid.
11. **Back stage behavior:** The performance will be run on time; dressing rooms will be provided for the contestants. Absolutely no unauthorized personnel in the dressing room will be allowed, with the exception of designated people helping contestants dress or prepare for their performance.
12. **Judging:** The judges' decisions are final. **ONLY** the top three scores in each division will be awarded cash prizes.
13. **Performance:** Junior division will begin with the first performance at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 22, 2018; senior division will begin following the junior division and a brief intermission.
14. **Contestant Absence or tardiness:** Any contestant who does not show up by the appropriate deadline will be disqualified.
15. **Group member absence or tardiness:** If a member of any group does not show up by the appropriate deadline, the entire group will be disqualified.
16. **Disqualification:** Any contestant or group who is disqualified will not have any of their entry fees refunded.
17. **Contestant and Group member arrival:** All contestants, including all members of duets or groups, must arrive by 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the Rio Grande Theater's back door in order to participate in the competition.

***If you have unanswered questions, you may text or telephone Allison Smith at 575.644.4609
or by email at: aklobby@gmail.com***

Mesilla Valley's Got Talent Contestant Check List

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— Understand the rules and deadlines. If you have any unanswered questions, text or telephone Allison Smith at 575.644.4609 or email her at: aklobby@gmail.com.

— No later than Sunday, March 30, 2018 by 2:00 pm MDT, the contestant, duet or group act, must complete an application form front and back, adding an additional page with names of contestants when there are more than eight (8) people in an act and, if necessary, add a page for the stage plot and equipment list for the act then submit a single application for the act along with the payment either by USPS or personally delivered to:

Andrea Dresser, c/o Counseling Las Cruces, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3 in Las Cruces, NM 88005.

— No later than Friday, April 6, 2018 at 2:00 pm any changes to the act must be delivered to:

Andrea Dresser, c/o Counseling Las Cruces, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3 in Las Cruces, NM 88005.

— No later than Friday, April 6, 2018 at 2:00 pm the music CD or USB Jump Drive must be delivered to:

Andrea Dresser, c/o Counseling Las Cruces, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3 in Las Cruces, NM 88005.

— On Sunday, April 15, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm all contestants, including all members of duets or groups, are **required** to attend a dress rehearsal coaching session by professional coaches or teachers. All contestants must be in full dress costumes for this **required** coaching session.

— On Sunday, April 22, 2018 no later than 2:00 pm, arrive at the back door (performers' entrance) of the Rio Grande Theater. Failure of any contestant to arrive by 2:00 pm will disqualify the contestant, duet or entire group from competing.

— On Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the Rio Grande Theater, the Junior Division competition begins followed by a brief intermission. The Senior Division begins following the intermission. Following the completion of the Senior Division competition, judges' scores will be tabulated, finalists will be announced and awards presented to the three top scoring acts in each Division. This will conclude the 17th Mesilla Valley's Got Talent competition sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club.



Rotary International has over 33,000 Rotary Clubs around the world in over 200 countries. Over one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000) members throughout the world provide volunteer help to many people on our planet. Projects from eradicating polio worldwide to building water systems for villages in remote locations keep the members busy. Rotary members everywhere improve their lives by using the nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide in all their relationships. This guide has been translated into over 100 languages. As you read through the four simple statements known as "The Four-Way Test," think how following these simple guidelines can impact your life in a positive way for a better future.

Members of the Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club, sponsor of the Mesilla Valley's Got Talent Show, have added a fifth guideline to Rotary International's Four-Way Test. Each week as we recite the Four Way Test in our Club meetings, we add a fifth statement: "Have fun and get 'er done!" to remind us as we live our lives to have fun as we get things done! We encourage each contestant to read, think about and use these four tests in your lives and remember to "Have fun as you get things done!"

Best wishes for a successful life and a fun time!