The 19th Annual **Talent AMONG US**

Presented by Jacksonville Symphony Society

The Talent Among Us 2027 - Rules and Information

Audition dates are Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21, 2027 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
Contestants may choose a date and time, but otherwise one will be assigned.
Applications must be received by February 14th.

Applications are to be submitted online by filling out the Google Form under the "Talent Among Us," menu and "Application" section of the website. Any questions can be submitted to jaxsym@jaxsym.com or via our Facebook page. The entry fee is **$50.00**, for all divisions. Checks should be made out to Jacksonville Symphony Society. The fee can be paid in person on the date of the audition or sent by mail to the address at the bottom of this page.
All performers must be able to compete in "The Talent Among Us" competition on Saturday, March 13, 2027 at 7:00pm in Rammelkamp Chapel on the campus of Illinois College.

1st place prize is $200 and 2nd place prize is $100 and will be awarded in each of these four divisions:

- Jr. Youth ages 10 years and under
- Intermediate Youth ages 10-13 years
- Sr. Youth ages 14 – 18 years
- Young Adult ages 19 – 25 years
- Adult Over 25 years

Also:

- People's Choice Award: $200
- Grand Prize $500

- All winners of each category are eligible for the Grand Prize of $500.
- The Grand Prize winner will have the opportunity to appear at a future concert of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.
- The People's Choice Award of $200 will be awarded to the contestant who receives the most audience votes. In case of a tie, the amount will be split between those contestants that tie for the most votes.

Additional Rules:

- Participants in the talent competition must qualify at auditions. Audition pieces should be no more than six minutes in length. Audition times are assigned in the order in which the audition forms are received (preferred audition times will be assigned if possible). In all cases, the contestant will be disqualified if the audition time is not kept. The registration fee will not be refunded.
- Contestants are expected to audition in appropriate dress. Also, Jacksonville Symphony personnel may take photographs for publicity purposes.
- All accompanying music must be live. Recordings will not be accepted. Contestants are responsible for procuring and paying for their own live music accompaniment.
- Contestants will agree to the use of their names and photographs for publicity purposes.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- Flash photography during the audition and competition is prohibited. Recordings and tapings are allowed unless they interfere with performers, judging or audience enjoyment.
- Practice rooms are available as scheduled.
- Previous Grand Prize winners are not eligible to compete again. All other previous contestants may compete again.
- Contestants are expected to show proper respect for other contestants, dress appropriately, appear on time, and exhibit the demeanor that will contribute to the enhancement of the competition and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.

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