



## “Roanoke’s Got Talent” Overview

**Purpose:** To showcase local and regional experienced amateur talent in the Roanoke Valley for competition and monetary prizes during the Henry Street Heritage Festival

**Scope:** A talent hunt will be conducted prior to the festival to identify best of show talent to compete the afternoon of the HSHF. Talent will be recruited throughout the Roanoke Valley regardless of age. An application and fee will be submitted in order to be able to audition. We will only accept up to 30 applications by the date of June 27, 2011. The top 10 performers will be juried and awarded an opportunity to perform at the HSHF. The winning talent will compete for a monetary prize and 5 hours of free recording time at the Jefferson Center Music Lab, (if applicable). The audience will determine the final winners.

**Application Fee:** \$10.00 per application, fee may be waived depending on circumstance

**Significant Dates:** **June 27, 2011**- cutoff date for receipt of all applications **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**July 11, 2011** – eligible applicants will be notified of date, place and time of the auditions

**Either: July 23, or 30, 2011** - auditions will take place. There will be a live audience and admission fee. Each participant will receive two complimentary tickets for family to attend audition. Winning performers will be notified at the close of the audition performances. A panel of judges will determine the top ten performers who will perform at the Henry Street Heritage Festival.

**September 17, 2011** - Roanoke’s Got Talent show will take place at the Henry Street Heritage Festival and the audience will determine the final three winners of the show.

**Prize Amounts:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize = \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize = \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$100

**Rules:** 1. Each performer must submit an application and entrance fee by the date of **June 27, 2011**

2. Applicant (s) must have had prior experience in performing before an audience

3. Application with fee may be mailed or sent via email to [festival@harrisonmuseum.com](mailto:festival@harrisonmuseum.com)

4. The choice of musical selections, dance routine or comedic jokes must be PG rated. Neither profanity nor sexual content should be used in any performance. Any material or routine performed that does not adhere to this requirement will result in automatic elimination without question. This elimination can take place during the performance or afterward.

5. Costumes/attire must not be sexually suggestive. If costume/attire is deemed unacceptable, the performance will be canceled and the performer will be eliminated from the competition.

6. Each audition performance will be judged on, but not limited to the following:

- Innate talent displayed
- Confidence and stage presence
- Appearance
- Audience receptivity to the act
- The selection of the song, routine or spoken material that is suitable for a PG audience rating.
- Overall performance

7. The Henry Street Heritage Festival “Roanoke’s Got Talent” show’s top three finalists will be judged and selected by the audience vote.

# Henry Street Heritage Festival

## “Roanoke’s Got Talent” Audition Application



Harrison Museum of African American Culture's 22<sup>nd</sup> Festival: "Rhythms of a Village"

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please fill out this form and return it to the following address with application fee of **\$10.00** to the **Harrison Museum of African American Culture, One Market Square SE – 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Roanoke, VA 24011, by June 27, 2011. Make check /money order payable to the Harrison Museum. If you have one, please send a CD or DVD with this application. Inquiries may be made by calling 540-857-4395.**

*Print or type responses:*

**Participant Name or Group Name with Contact Person’s Name**

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**Address;** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group:** Under 18 yrs \_\_, 19 to 35 yrs \_\_ 35 to 50 yrs. \_\_ Over 50 yrs \_\_

**Prior Performance Experiences: (Attach additional experiences, if needed)**

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**Identify the category of your talent:** Single Performer \_\_ or Group Performer \_\_

**Vocal:** Pop \_\_, Gospel \_\_, Hip Hop \_\_\_\_, Jazz \_\_\_\_, Opera \_\_\_\_, Country \_\_, Rap \_\_\_\_ R & B \_\_

**Instrumental:** Identify instrument you play? \_\_\_\_\_

**Dance:** Ballet \_ Modern \_\_, Tap \_\_, Step \_\_\_\_, Ball Room \_\_\_\_ Praise \_\_\_\_ Line Dance \_\_,  
Other \_\_, specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Band:** Jazz \_\_, Country \_\_\_\_, Hard Rock \_\_ Smooth Jazz \_\_\_\_, Hip Hop \_\_, Gospel \_\_  
Classical \_\_, R & B \_\_\_\_

**Comedic Act** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the rules and agree to adhere to the parameters as spelled out.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# *Harrison Museum of African American Culture*

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Greetings,

The Harrison Museum of African American Culture is hosting its 22<sup>nd</sup> Henry Street Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 17, 2011. As an add-on to the traditional activities that are associated with this festival, we are introducing a new event which will debut the afternoon of the festival. For the first time there will be a “Roanoke’s Got Talent” program which will showcase local and regional experienced amateur talent.

In order for this event to be successful, we need talent! This letter is requesting that you consider participating or encourage someone you know to apply to participate in the qualifying auditions to perform in the “Roanoke’s Got Talent” show.

Enclose you will find several copies of applications and overview of this production. You may make copies or go to our website at **[www.harrisonmuseum.com](http://www.harrisonmuseum.com)** to download additional copies.

The HMAAC, appreciates your assisting us in our search for talent. If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at 540-857-4395.

Best wishes,

Charles Price, Harrison Museum Board President

