



CARMEL ARTS RISING STAR COMPETITION

Where kids discover their talents and reach their potential



THEATER ARTS/ DANCE/ FREESTYLE DIVISION

Carmel Arts Rising Star International Online Competition is open to performers ages 4-18. The Competition accepts and encourages beginner through advanced levels of performance and all styles of performing arts.

DATES: Registration Opens on **March 1st. Application Deadline: April 26, 2025.**

FINAL RESULTS & PERFORMANCES WILL BE POSTED on the ITA's Facebook Event page on **May 25, 2025.**

RULES:

- The competition is welcoming all piano students ages 4 - 18 as of January 1st, 2025.
- **Categories include:** 1. Solo 2. Duet/Ensemble 3. Original Work (your creation) 4. Parent/Child Act
- Age groups and performance time limits:

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| Pre-Elementary (ages 4-6) | 1-2 min. |
| Elementary A, B (ages 7 -8, 9-10) | 2-3 min |
| Intermediate A (ages 11-12, 13-15) | 2-5 min |
| Advanced (ages 16-18) | 2-8 min |
- All contestants are accepted to the final round, no preliminaries will be held.
- All acts should be prepared at the performance level and preferably performed from memory.
- Contestants are to perform one piece from any of the specializations listed below.

Specializations:

Monologue, dialogue/group scene, poetry, standup comedy, musical theatre, dance (any style), pantomime, gymnastics, ventriloquy, puppetry, original work (scenes/monologues/poems/short stories), speech/Ted Talk, etc.

- Performers must choose age-appropriate material (no offensive, violent, vulgar, etc language allowed).
- Original work is welcomed; content/script and author's name must be submitted with registration.
- Performers are encouraged to dress in costume or concert attire.

HOW TO SUBMIT: You will submit 1 video file in 2 formats:

1. **Video for judging:** upload your video to your **personal YouTube** Channel as **unlisted** and include the **link** in the registration form.
2. **Video for the final concert:** upload your **raw video file (mp4)** to the Rising Star **Google Drive** By May 10th.

In BOTH files INCLUDE the child's Full name, name of music piece, composer.

- **Video requirements:** unedited, horizontal, MP4 format; good sound, light, clean background, **close up.**

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES (non-refundable):

- **Deadline: April 27. Fees: Solo - \$45/ Duet/Ensemble - \$25 each. Late fee: \$25.**
- **Duets/Ensembles:** Each performer fills out their own registration form and pays separately.
- **Large ensembles** (8-20+ people) fill in 1 application for the group. **Fee: \$120**

AWARDS:

- All competitors will be evaluated by the international panel of judges and awarded 1st – 6th places for each category and age group.
- Participation certificates will be emailed to all performers and teachers after the competition.
- All winning performances will be featured on ITA's YouTube Channel and the event's Facebook page.

REGISTER: <https://www.internationaltalentacademy.org/events/carmel-arts-rising-star-competition-online/>



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Carmel Arts Rising Star Competition: Theater Arts Division Release

(fill in only if using paper form, for online submission – choose ‘accept’)

OUR MISSION: To educate families and the community about the value and benefits of performing arts, motivate youth to discover and develop their special talents, so they can empower themselves to develop confidence, self-discipline, creativity and capabilities they can use further in life.

RELEASE:

I hereby release the International Talent Academy, their directors, officers, staff, volunteers, partners, and representatives of this competition from any and all claims for damages or injuries sustained while participation in any activity of this competition.

All rights for recordings, photos or broadcasts are reserved by the Carmel Arts Rising Star Competition and no fee is payable to any competitor for performances, photos, recordings or broadcasts.

I certify that I have read, understand, and will follow the complete list of rules for the Rising Star Competition. (For other competition information, visit ITA Website)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE - APPLICATION RULES MUST BE ‘ACCEPTED’

(In the online form, please, click ‘Read and Accepted’ the rules)

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Rising Star competition headquarters: Carmel, Indiana, USA