



# Mark your Calendars for ~SHOW STOPPERS 2021~ Lowell's Annual Talent Show!



This year's special show will be a virtual event held on **Thursday, Feb 25th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** We are still working out the streaming details, and will be in touch as soon as we can confirm the channel for streaming/viewing this free event.

The talent show is for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade performers. We welcome acts of all kinds; dance, gymnastics, instrument pieces, magic tricks, skits, singing groups, joke-telling, poetry recitation, martial arts routines, and more! Even better - this year, because we will be taking all performances via video, you can submit videos of talents that wouldn't normally be showcased on stage - have an adult film you rock climbing! Can you make a half-court shot in basketball? We'd love to see some amazing tricks on your skateboard or bike. Let us see what you can do!

Teams (of up to 4 members) have always been a part of the talent show. You can still enter as a team so long as you can figure out the logistics of recording whilst social distancing.

If you have questions about the talent show, please feel free to email PTA organizers Silje Watson at [siljenyc@hotmail.com](mailto:siljenyc@hotmail.com) or Jill Culver at [jillculver@gmail.com](mailto:jillculver@gmail.com)

## Audition Details:

**This year, there are 2 ways to audition. Please choose one (not both):**

1. **Send us a video audition.** Video auditions can be emailed to either Jill or Silje any time but must be submitted by 10pm on Wednesday, January 13th to be considered. Audition videos must be under 3 minutes in length and include the student saying their full name, grade, and introducing their talent. Please also include this information in the email when you send the video in.
2. **We will host live Zoom auditions on Wednesday, January 13th from 12:30-2pm.** If you would like to try-out via Zoom, please email one of the organizers and tell us your grade, full name and talent. We will respond with a scheduled time window for your Zoom audition.

For audition videos - consider filming outdoors if you need more space than your home allows. For a wide-open space, Lowell school grounds are available to the community for filming after school hours, on the weekends, and during winter break. When on school grounds, please remember to practice social distancing and not gather in groups.

We will be reviewing auditions for appropriate lyrics and movement and may also provide feedback regarding content and length of your performance. **Permission slips are not included this year - parental consent will be considered granted when we receive your video submissions.**

**A note about CREW:** We are so sorry to not be able to offer sign-ups this year for our student-led backstage crew. We hope to resume this next year!

**5th Grade Emcees:** If you are interested in being one of our 5th grade Emcees this year, please send us a video of yourself explaining why you think you would make a good Emcee. OR email us to sign up for a Zoom time slot on Wednesday, January 13th and talk with us about what would make you an awesome Emcee.

## **Audition guidelines:**

- Students must be in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades to participate
- Each act can be no more than 3 minutes
- Your audition should include your full performance
- You may not try out with one talent and then change your talent after auditions
- No lip syncing (exceptions can be made if there is a choreographed dance or performance to go with the lip sync)
- Students who wish to sing a song with music must use pre-recorded or live background accompaniment **without the lead vocals**. Most songs have a “karaoke” version available for free on youtube.
- Students using music with lyrics in their act should check with the PTA to confirm that their song choice is appropriate for school. Kidz Bop often has school-friendly versions of popular songs.

## Final Performance Video Requirements:

1. Final performance videos must be submitted to the talent show organizers via email.
2. Videos MUST be under 3 minutes and must be in finished format and require no editing by the organizers.
3. Videos must be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 10th at 10pm.

Note: After auditions and once the show line-up is decided, organizers will be in touch with all participants to provide more details and assistance regarding filming and file types for the final performance.

You won't want to miss this exciting virtual event, as an audience member or a performer! Please contact Jill Culver or Silje Watson from the PTA if you have questions:

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