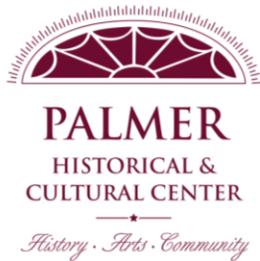


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PRESS RELEASE

5TH ANNUAL PHCC TALENT SHOW “RISING STAR” COMPETITION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19th when the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center (PHCC) proudly presents the first night of our two night annual Talent Show Competition.

This competition is one of PHCC's major fund raisers to help support the center's activities and programs. This is a high level talent show where contestants are competing for a \$1,000 cash 1st Place prize, \$300 2nd Place and a gift certificate for 3rd Place

The PHCC talent show is a little different than others that are held in the area. Most are just a single night of performances and awards. The PHCC show has two nights. During the first round all the contestants performances will be judged and the list will be narrowed down to a set of finalists who will compete in the 2nd night of competition which is being held on Saturday, June 9th at 7 PM. “This is by design” noted Donna Lee Honeywell, producer, MC, professional vocalist and entertainer and PHCC board member. “There is an amazing talent around in this area and Harmony Hall at PHCC is a great family venue to show off this local talent.”

There are two nights to the center's format because “this competition is different and challenging but it is also an experience to help talented people move onward and upward”, Donna Lee explains. This show has raised the bar for those who compete and particularly for those who were selected for Round 2 based on their first night performances where they were judged on their talent, showmanship, appearance, audience interaction and response. The second night (Round 2) requires each contestant to perform two routines and they must be distinctly different from each other with the second routine being more formal. “We've taken it a bit further” notes Donna Lee, “the contestants also need to provide a brief moment of public speaking to talk about themselves and how they became interested in what they are performing. Talent, appearance and stage presence are all necessary ingredients of a performer and we feel that this competition helps bring out the best in each individual and challenges them to improve. Without challenges none of us will ever improve or know what our full potential might be.”

As this is a fund raiser for the PHCC to help carry out its mission to provide and promote a variety of cultural, fine arts and history related programming to the region, donations would be graciously accepted to help defray the cost of the cash awards. If you are an individual or a business that would like to financially support this cause you may contact the PHCC at 413-289-9295 or email palmerhcc@gmail.com for more information. There are levels of giving that could provide your name and or business identity in the program, posted on the website, placed on a flyer, noted in our announcements of over 1000 subscribers to the PHCC email notifications of coming events and certainly acknowledgement at both performances.

Please set aside Saturday, May 19 and Saturday, June 9 to join us in Harmony Hall at PHCC for two great nights of variety and quality entertainment. Both evenings start at 7 PM. General Admission tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in advance via the PHCC website www.palmerhcc.org or if you do not use the internet you can call 413-289-9295.

PHCC Membership of 50% off ticket prices does apply and children 10 and younger are \$6. Because this is a fund raiser event for PHCC guest passes are not able to be used towards admission to this event.

Make your reservations today. All tickets are general admission and the doors open at 6:15 PM.

For more information you can find us on Facebook or you may go to Palmer Historical and Cultural Center website, www.palmerhcc.org.

The Palmer Historical and Cultural Center is located at 2072 Main Street, Three Rivers (Village of Palmer) with the zip code of 01080 in case you are using GPS.