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Dear Members of the Board of Education of the Township of Union:

The Township of Union Education Foundation, UHSPAC and the Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund, Inc., all non-profit organizations, would like to partner with one another to hold a community fund-raiser entitled "Union's Got Talent." This talent show fundraiser will be modeled on the successful "Morristown's Got Talent" model, which is sponsored by the Morris Educational Foundation and which has used this format for successful fundraisers for the past six years and indeed, has had sold out performances at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

Representatives of each non-profit organization have already met to begin planning this function; they are James Mosser, Director of Theatre and choreographer Jennifer Williams, representing UHSPAC, Marie and Joe Canarelli, representing the Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund, Inc., and Susan Lipstein, representing the Township of Union Education Foundation.

We plan to notify the community about auditions that will be held at Union High School on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Only talent who live in Union or work in Union or attend school in Union or are alumni of Union High School will be eligible to participate. If a group is auditioning, at least one member of that group must be from Union Township. Approximately 16 acts will then be chosen to perform in the show, which would be scheduled for Saturday night, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Union High School. We plan to have three volunteer judges to decide on first, second and third place winners, who would receive cash prizes.

All profits from the talent show will be divided equally among the three non-profit organizations, and all proceeds will then be used to directly benefit the students in the public schools in the Township of Union.

We are requesting that the district donate the use of space for the auditions to be held during the day on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and for a rehearsal during the day on December 14<sup>th</sup> and the public performance on the evening of December 14<sup>th</sup>.

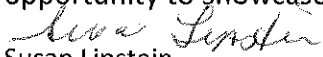
We believe this is a great way for the community to join together to celebrate the talents of both our children, students and adults. We will carefully "vet" each act to be sure that they are "family friendly."

The Morris Educational Foundation has been generous in giving us the benefit of their experience, and we will model our rules and regulations, as well as our registration forms for

audition and performances on ones they have successfully used previously. They have volunteered to advise us as necessary as we move forward in our planning.

We envision this as a great win-win for the community; this is a chance to showcase our local talent, especially the talent of our students, as well as a way to raise funds which will then directly benefit our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We feel this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our community in a positive way, as well as raise much needed funds.

  
Susan Lipstein

James Mosser

Jennifer Williams

Marie Canarelli

Joe Canarelli

## Union's Got Talent Official Rules and Regulations

All contestants must submit their signed application and attend the preliminary audition  
by Saturday, November 23rd, 2013.

No registrations will be accepted after this date.

- Contestants of all ages are eligible to audition. Parent/guardian must be present with contestants under the age of 18.
- Contestants must live, work or attend school in Union Township. Union High School alumni are eligible to audition for Union's Got Talent.
- If you are auditioning with a group, at least one member of that group must be from Union Township.
- Professional entertainers are not eligible. A professional is anyone whose livelihood is from the type of performance entered in the competition.
- All participants will refrain from throwing anything off the stage during their performance.
- Contestants will respect the facilities both the school auditorium and the hallways and classrooms used as dressing spaces.
- Only members of the act or legal parent/guardians will be permitted backstage and in dressing areas.
- All acts will have a 3 minute time limit. This does not include set up which is limited to 2 minutes.
- CDs are allowed for accompaniment only. They must consist of only the item being used for the performance. Vocals are limited to background only, no lead vocals allowed. Contestants are responsible for picking up their CD's after the show. Lip sync and karaoke are not permitted.
- The following categories will be permitted for performance: singing, dancing, instrumentals, comedy, drama, and novelty acts.
- Equipment provided are piano, CD player and microphone. Contestants must bring everything else.
- A sound system will be provided the evening of the show. All contestants must use this system. Contestants must submit any recordings used for the performance by Thursday December 12, 2013 on CD.
- The use of batons, pyrotechnics, dangerous equipment or live animals is prohibited.
- All acts must be appropriate for family and TV audiences.
- All contestants must audition in person at Union High School on Saturday, November 23rd, 2013. No one, even if part of a group, will be allowed to perform in the competition if he/she have not auditioned.
- Any person auditioning, must sign a MEDIA RELEASE FORM (parent/guardian if under 18).
- The Union's Got Talent Selection Committee will select up to 16 acts. Two alternate acts will be chosen in case of emergency. Finalists must notify selection committee at 908-977-6933 immediately if unable to perform on the day of competition.
- All contestants must perform the same act and both the rehearsal and performance, with the same persons, on December 14, 2013, which was performed at the audition.
- Finalists are expected to arrive at the Union High School Theatre with all required props, costume pieces and equipment no later than 10:00 am on December 14, 2013, for the onstage technical rehearsal from 10:00am-3:00pm, and are expected to arrive at 6:00pm for the performance.
- Judges will score the finalists on overall talent, showmanship and creativity.
- The show will be judged by a panel of professionals from the performing arts field. The decision of the judges is final.
- All rules will be strictly enforced. Any violations will result in immediate disqualification.
- Please direct all questions to Union's Got Talent at 908-977-6933.
- Show us your talent and have a great time!

***At its discretion, these rules may be modified at any time without notice by the governing committee of Union's Got Talent. Any changes to the rules will be considered final.***

***FIRST PRIZE - \$1000***

***SECOND PRIZE - \$500***

***THIRD PRIZE - \$250***

# Union's Got Talent Media Release

The undersigned hereby understands and agrees that by participating in Union's Got Talent they may be photographed, videotaped, or recorded by any means known or yet to be invented.

The undersigned GRANTS UNION'S GOT TALENT COMPLETE EXCLUSIVITY TO THE USE OF THESE IMAGES AND/OR RECORDINGS IN ALL FORMS OF MEDIA THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (inclusive of but not limited to: print, professional video, home-video, CD-ROM, internet, DVD, audio CD, and any other electronic medium presently in existence or invented in the future). The previously mentioned images, and recordings become the property of Union's Got Talent.

The undersigned hereby agrees to RELEASE, WAIVE, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Union Township Board of Education, UHSPAC Parents Association, The Township of Union Education Foundation, The Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund, Inc. its employees, instructors, volunteers, the administration, or board of education for any claim that anything contained in the property, or in advertising and publicity used in connect herewith, is defamatory, reflects adversely on the undersigned or said student, violates any other right whatsoever, including, without limitation, rights of privacy and publicity.

Union's Got Talent shall have the right to assign its rights hereunder, without my consent, in whole or in part, to any person, firm, corporation or organization.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Performer Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

# Union's Got Talent Audition Application and Release

Please fill out the following form in its entirety and bring it with you to the audition on November 23rd along with the \$10.00 cash only registration fee to be eligible to audition. One fee required per group. No auditions will be seen without both the fee and form. If there are multiple people involved in your act each member must fill out and sign their own form with the same group name, numbered and delivered together at the same time.

<b>Name of Group (If Applicable):</b>		<b>Member #:</b> (Ex 1 of 3)	
<b>Individual Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Primary Contact Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Primary Email Address</b>			
<b>Fill Out if Performer is Under the Age of 18</b>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Primary Email:</b>			

<b>School Affiliation</b>	
Are you a current student in a Township of Union School?	YES    NO
If so, what grade are you in, and what school do you attend?	_____
Are you a graduate of Union High School?	YES    NO
If so, what year did you graduate?	_____

<b>Employment</b>	
<b>Place of Employment:</b>	_____
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>
_____	_____

<b>Talent</b>	
<b>Category of Talent: (Circle one)</b>	
SINGING    DANCING    INSTRUMENTALS    COMEDY    DRAMA    NOVELTY ACT	
Title of Song: _____	By: _____

I have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them to participate in this competition. I understand failure to follow the rules may result in my ability to participate

I have read and signed the media release form.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Performer Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature