

**Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies**  
**SHOWCASE RULES and REGULATIONS 2008**

1. **AUTHORITY:** The OAAS Showcase Committee shall have the sole authority in the selection of attractions to be showcased, scheduling of those selected, control over stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.
2. **MEMBERSHIP:** All acts appearing in the OAAS Convention Showcase or their agency representatives must be a paid Service Member of the OAAS for 2008. Membership in the OAAS does not guarantee acceptance to the Showcase.
3. **APPLICATION FORM:** All acts being submitted for consideration to the Showcase must be submitted in writing on the proper application form, which is to be received by the OAAS Secretary, Kathryn Lambert on or before the deadline date of **OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**.
4. **MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED:** The following material and/or information must accompany each application form – stage plot, one page bio, cassette and/or CD and/or video/DVD, promo photo and program description. Also include a copy of the contract rider the Fairs will be obliged to sign if purchasing this act.
5. **INSURANCE:** A certificate of insurance showing proof of insurance with a minimum coverage of at least one million dollars, must accompany the Showcase application form. A broker available for this type of insurance is: Wm.B.Mather, FCIP, 2350 Birchmount Rd., Suite 1019, Scarborough, ON M1E 3N4. Ph: (416) 214-2421.
6. **FEES TO BE PAID:** As per the application form, all acts appearing in the Entertainment Showcase will be charged a fee  $\$275.00 + \text{GST} * (\$16.50) = \$291.50$ . All acts appearing in the Family Entertainment Showcase will be charged a fee of  $\$50.00 + \text{GST} * (\$3.00) = \$53.00$ . Showcase fees must accompany the application form and be received by the OAAS Secretary on or before **OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. An NSF cheque will automatically eliminate your participation in the Showcase and other events at the OAAS Convention.
7. **NOTIFICATIONS:** All acts appearing in the Entertainment Showcase will be advised as soon as possible after the selection process in October indicating whether or not they have been selected to appear. After selection, those acts not selected will receive via mail a refund of the full application fee (excluding the Service Member application fee).
8. **CANCELLATIONS/SUBSTITUTION:** If an act has been selected for the Showcase is unable to appear, then the applicant forfeits its showcase opportunity. No substitutions by agents will be allowed. Only those acts/individuals that have been selected will be allowed to showcase. There will be no refund of fees for acts cancelled after selection has been made.
9. **TIME SLOTS:** Time allotments as assigned must be strictly adhered to, including the time allowed for changeover. Acts must appear in the order as selected by the OAAS Showcase committee. The committee reserves the right to make any changes to the programme if deemed necessary. Any act exceeding its allotted number of minutes will not be allowed to showcase for a five year period, and no acts will be considered from the Agency representing them for a period of three years. The OAAS Showcase committee reserves the right to stop an act exceeding the allotted time.

10. **SOUND CHECK:** Each act will be given a specific “Report Time” in order to facilitate a simple sound check and must be available from that time on as requested by the sound technician or the OAAS Showcase committee. Please note that this “sound check” is NOT a rehearsal, but simple run through of one or two numbers as required by the sound technician in order to set basic levels.
11. **EQUIPMENT:** All acts will perform under stage lighting as provided by the OAAS Showcase committee. The house sound system will be provided by this committee and will be used by all acts. The OAAS Showcase committee while attempting to cooperate with each act to the best of their ability maintains final discretion over sound equipment and sound levels. NO medication to stage sets, instructions, sound or lights is to be made by any act without prior approval from the OAAS Showcase committee. “Back Line” equipment (i.e. amps, drums, etc.) is the responsibility of each individual act. However the OAAS Showcase committee will attempt to arrange for back line equipment sharing by the acts involved wherever possible. The cooperation of all acts in this regard is appreciated.
12. **MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** The OAAS Showcase committee will provide a M.C. for the event who will introduce each act on the program. Each act should provide a short written introduction by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. The OAAS Showcase committee reserves the right to edit or modify if necessary.
13. **PUBLICITY:** No act may publicize that it has been selected to showcase until given clearance to do so in writing by the OAAS Showcase committee. The OAAS will print and distribute a program listing each act appearing in the Showcase. No other printed material or brochures will be allowed in the showroom.
14. **COMPENSATION:** The OAAS or its Showcase committee assumes no responsibility for any expenses, transportation, meals or rooms for any act.
15. **PRODUCTION MEETING:** The OAAS Showcase committee reserves the right to call a Production Meeting on the day of the Showcase, if deemed necessary, to be held before 12:00 noon. It will advise the act’s representative no less that 24 hours in advance. If such a meeting is called each act must have a representative in attendance.
16. **REPEAT APPEARANCES:** No acts may appear for three years after showcasing for the OAAS. (i.e. an act appearing in 2008 would not be eligible for consideration until 2012).  
NOTE: This rule does not apply to the Family Entertainment Showcase.
17. **ALCOHOL:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone involved with the Showcase is strictly prohibited. There will be a no tolerance policy in effect. Anyone seen with alcohol will be asked to leave and the act will not be allowed to showcase and will be banned from showcasing for a five year period.
18. **SMOKING:** The Showcase area is in a Smoke Free building, therefore a NO SMOKING ban is in effect in and around the Showcase area, including in any act.
19. The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies reserves the right to interpret these rules. All decisions of the OAAS shall be final.