

NEWS from



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STUDENTS INVITED TO AUDITION FOR FEBRUARY TALENT SEARCH

DECEMBER 20, 2013 -- A musical Talent Search contest show coming to Holland in February seeks our area's top student talent to compete for a total of \$1,500 in prize money, with matching prizes awarded to their schools' musical education programs.

Aspiring young singers and musicians currently attending middle or high school are invited to apply now for auditions scheduled for Saturday, January 18 in Holland. Audition times will be individually assigned for the first 25 applications received on or before January 10. Based on auditions, twelve contestants will be selected to compete as finalists.

The competition is open to vocalists and instrumentalists, solo or in groups of up to four, accompanied or *a cappella*, with no restrictions on musical genre. Announcement materials including rules and application forms have been mailed to and are available from music faculties at high schools throughout the broader Holland/Zeeland area including Saugatuck and Hamilton. Applicants also may obtain forms and information directly by phone request to (269) 365-4066.

Finalists will compete in a public show scheduled for February 22 in Holland, with two first-prize winners each receiving \$500 and two runner-ups each receiving \$250. One winner and runner-up prize will be decided by a panel of judges and duplicate prizes will be decided by audience vote. This means that each contestant will be eligible to win two prizes, one in each category.

Each student prize will be matched by an equal cash award to the winning student's school music department. The school awards are funded by a grant from The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area (CFHZ) through its Youth Advisory Committee and the W.K. Kellogg Youth Fund.

The Talent Search contest is sponsored by Holland Windmill Chorus, this area's chapter of the International Barbershop Harmony Society, a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization with membership open to all men who enjoy singing *a cappella* four-part harmony. Founded here in 1945, HWC performs barbershop concerts during Holland's Tulip Time Festival as well as other public and private events throughout the year. Members of HWC or other chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society and their families are not eligible for this Talent Search competition.

For more information about Holland Windmill Chorus, contact chapter president Jay Bylsma by phone at 616.638.6344 (Holland) or vice-president/chapter development Art Lane at 269.857.2781 (Saugatuck).

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