

Oakland Magic Circle Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Stage & Parlor Performance Contest

Rules and Guidelines

Eligibility For Participation

Active members of the Oakland Magic Circle and individuals applying for membership and paying the required membership fees on or prior to Friday, September 9, 2022 will be eligible and encouraged to participate in the contest. To become a member, request an application from marc.c.mcguire@gmail.com.

Prizes will be awarded to winning contestants as follows:

- First place - \$150, trophy and compete for more cash prizes in the Northern California Interclub Stage Contest in November, 2022. *
- Second place - \$100 **
- Third place - and \$75 ***

A minimum of three contestants are required for the contest to occur.

*If there are 3 contestants only First Place will be awarded.

** Second Place will be awarded with 4-5 contestants.

***Third Place if there are 6 or more contestants.

General contest rules and parameters

- Performances are to be presented live, in person on the platform in the OMC's regular third floor meeting room (the Blue Room) at the [Scottish Rite Center](#), 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. *
- Performances may consist of stage or parlor magic of any type or description.
- The effects performed, patter and presentation must be family friendly.
- The use of fire of any sort in the performance is not permitted.
- Performances must be no less than EIGHT (8) and no more than TWELVE (12) minutes in duration. (See guidelines concerning performance time below.)

- The use of “on stage” assistants (supporting cast members routinely involved in the contestant’s performance) is permitted.
- The use of “audience volunteers” is permitted.
- Audience members will be required to wear masks but the performers will not be required during their presentation and audience volunteers have a choice to keep them on or not while on stage.

Entry Procedure

- Please send an email expressing your interest in competing no later than Noon, Saturday, September 10, 2022 to marc.c.mcguire@gmail.com. Subject line: “Stage Contest.” Please include your name in the email.
Contestants will receive a form to make special requests for lighting, sound, etc.

Performance time:

- Performances are to be no less than EIGHT (8) and no more than TWELVE (12) minutes in duration.
- Measurement of performance time will begin and end with the first and concluding words spoken or actions taken to perform the effect.
- Performers will be alerted if the OMC timekeeper’s measurement exceeds twelve minutes. A grace period of one minute will be allowed. For each minute or fraction thereof by which an act exceeds thirteen minutes or falls short of seven minutes, one vote will be deducted from the performer's score. An act that exceeds fifteen minutes will be disqualified from the contest.
- SUGGESTION: Performers might plan for a maximum of ten minutes to allow for unexpected delays (e.g. time required to get audience members to volunteer) that might result in exceeding the contest’s maximum time limit.

Technical Guidelines

The contest will occur on the raised platform with curtains on either side of the platform but not a moveable curtain in front of the “stage.” There is space for props to be out of the audience's sight before and after performance.

Contestants will be sent a form to request any special tech needs, stage, lights, and sound instructions, etc.

Judging:

- Performances will be judged by OMC members in attendance at the Scottish Rite facility, based on their assessment of the overall performance given.

General Notes:

You are encouraged to invite family and friends. Free admission but proof of vaccination and masks are required by the Scottish Rite management.

*Free off-street Parking in the lot behind the building on Madison Street.

There is a ramp to the building to roll your equipment. Access will start at 5:30pm for load in. There is an elevator to the third floor. The contest will start at 7:30pm.

- Recording – The contest will be recorded and possibly made available on the OMC website for members to view. Contestants agree to this recording.

If contestants have any questions concerning the contest or special requirements contact the OMC Contest Coordinator, John Owens: conjuriana@gmail.com.

Please include your name and contact information.