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## **CONTESTANTS SOUGHT FOR NEW YOUTH TALENT CONTEST**

**Cash prizes to be awarded to performers at Sunnyvale's children's art festival**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The City of Sunnyvale is seeking youth performers who are Sunnyvale residents or Sunnyvale students to participate in its first Hands on the Arts Talent Contest. Performers must apply by March 15 to compete in the contest, which will be held at Sunnyvale's Hands on the Arts children's art festival on Saturday, May 18.

Performers in all disciplines are encouraged to compete for fun and cash prizes and to show the community that Sunnyvale's got talent. Performance content must be appropriate for a family audience. Performers may apply to perform as solo acts, or together as a group act. Groups must include at least one Sunnyvale resident or student. All performers must be under age 18.

The talent contest will be conducted on the outdoor stage at the Hands on the Arts festival. A panel of local "celebrity" judges will determine the winners. There will also be a prize for Audience Favorite, as determined by ballot.

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Hands on the Arts, now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, is an all-day art festival at the Sunnyvale Community Center designed to give children, ages 3 to12, opportunities to learn about and try a wide variety of arts disciplines.

More than 30 professional artists, aided by over 100 community volunteers, conduct workshops where children can make art projects to take home, learn new dances or songs, or contribute to a large group art project. Participants pay \$10 for a wristband that entitles them to participate in all workshops. There is no charge for adults and non-participating sibling to enter the festival grounds and enjoy the free family-friendly entertainment on the outdoor stage. In addition to the talent contest, professional children's entertainers, local arts groups and students in Sunnyvale Community Services' dance and music classes will perform.

For more information about the event, or to download a performer application, visit the web site at *HandsontheArts.inSunnyvale.com* or call (408) 730-7725.

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