



# Spartanburg's Got SPARKLE

## **FAQ's and Other Really Important Information!**

In the spirit of 'America's Got Talent', 'So You Think You Can Dance' and the many other inspiring talent showcases blossoming across the country, Spartanburg is ready to SPARKLE!

With the search open to acts of all ages and talents, ***Spartanburg's Got Sparkle*** will showcase unique performers from across the county. A true celebration of creativity and talent, featuring a colorful array of singers, dancers, and hopeful stars, all vying to win a spot in the final live show and ultimately a cash prize.

Everyone auditioning will be required to fill out paperwork upon arrival. If you are under 16 you must be accompanied by an adult (someone over 18 years of age).



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## **AUDITION INFORMATION**

Auditions are all OPEN CALL. This means that you show up on the day of the audition, at the venue and add your name to the list. Auditions are "first come, first serve."

Our auditions are open to anyone living in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. When you arrive you will be handed a number and you will be seen on a "first come - first seen" basis. Your best bet is to arrive early, if you can.

### **Here's What Will Happen When You Arrive:**

1. Upon arrival you will be greeted by one of our volunteers and will check in.
2. You will be given a number, fill out some paperwork, and prepare for your moment to shine!
3. You can bring a friend or family to support you while you wait, however they will have to wait in the hallway during your audition. If you are a minor your parent(s) or legal guardian will be welcome to watch your audition.
4. You get 90 seconds to perform in front of the judges.
5. Your audition will be filmed so that we can remember all the talented people who show up!
6. Candidates who are invited to the January Semi-Final (Call Backs) will be notified in December.

## *Helpful Tips to Help You SPARKLE!*

1. *Be original.*
2. *Be yourself!*
3. *Be fearless.*

*Here is some more advice: Dress to impress. Come with the outfit you feel great in! It doesn't hurt to wear something you're comfortable in but will also let you stand out in the crowd.*

## **Here is some more specific information for your particular talent!**

**SINGERS:** You want to sparkle at your audition. You should have a verse and chorus prepared, so please start off with your strongest. Remember that you can choose any part of the song to perform, so pick the part that best shows off your vocals.

There are NO microphones in the audition rooms- the producers are only a few feet away from you. Please have a cover song prepared as well if you choose to sing an original. You should be prepared to sing a capella (no accompaniment). If you accompany yourself, you will be allowed to audition with your musical instrument, provided you can play it acoustically, and do not need to plug it in to our amplifier. No amplification for instruments is available.

Singers are asked to sing their one song a capella (without a backing track). We have found that backing tracks over power vocals and hinder your audition, instead of helping it. You should prepare a verse and a chorus for your audition. You do not need to start your song at the beginning. Please pick a song that best shows off your voice. Please note, there **will not be microphones for singers**. You may use a backing track if you sing and dance at the same time. In addition, rappers can use their own beats. Otherwise, it is at the Producer's discretion if and when a track is permitted. Playing an instrument (i.e. piano, guitar, etc.) while singing is always allowed.



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**Instrumentalists:** There are NO microphones in the audition rooms – the producers are only a few feet away. An electronic keyboard is available

**DANCERS:** In Person & On Video - It is best if you perform to one or two songs for your audition rather than a mix or medley of songs which can be hard to clear for television. Make sure your choreography is tight and you bring lots of energy. Incorporating tricks and new, unique choreography is always a great way to stand out to the producers and judges. A good way to show your personality and unique style is through your wardrobe/costume. If you are a big group it's always a good idea to dress in your team uniform or another fun costume.

**IN PERSON:** Please note the flooring is CARPET in our audition rooms.

Room dimensions – TBC.

Please bring your music on a CD or a smartphone/tablet or any other device that can be plugged in via an auxiliary cord. Please make sure the music is NOT streaming from the internet on your device- must be downloaded.

**SUBMITTING A VIDEO:**

Submit a VIDEO Audition

1. videos no longer than 3 minutes
2. straight, unedited videos are preferred. We want to see you in your true personality and talent!
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## **Other Questions:**

### **Can I audition as a solo act and as a group?**

Yes.

You can audition as a group and also as a solo act. You can also audition in two different groups.

### **If my group auditions online, do we all appear at the Semi-Final?**

If your group is successful in the first round of auditions you will all be required to be at the Semi-Final. This includes bands and dance groups. Full details will be provided prior to the Semi-Final and we will work with you to make sure your group receives appropriate tech support.

### **Do we find out at our audition if we are in the Semi-Final?**

No. You will not find out if you make it to the next round the day you audition. Those acts moving forward in the competition will be notified by the end of December.

More questions? Just email us at [programs@mentalfitnessinc.org](mailto:programs@mentalfitnessinc.org) and we will help you!

