



# Brown County 4-H Creative Arts Festival

## Music and Movement Guidelines



The four Music and Movement categories are as follows:

- Instrumental
- Vocal
- Novelty (combination of song, dance, and/or instrumental)
- Dance
- Lip Sync

Individual or Duet performances (1 or 2 participants) must be between 1 minute and 10 minutes long. Group performances (3 or more participants) must be between 5 minutes and 20 minutes long. Deviation from the stated time limits for any category will be considered by the judges when evaluating the performance for awards.

At least half of the participants must be Brown County 4-H members. Only youth can be on the stage during the performance. Adult leaders may assist with recorded music, lighting, sound effects, holding props, etc. from off stage. Adults may help move props on and off the stage between scenes or songs.

Individuals may perform in more than one music and movement performance. Performances may have participants from multiple 4-H clubs.

Instrumental, Vocal, Novelty, and Dance groups may use professionally recorded instrumental music, a recorded accompanist, or a live accompanist during the performance. Professional recorded vocal music is only allowed for dance and lip sync selections. *Music can be played through the sound system with a MP3 or MP4 player or a phone.*

Appropriate music and songs must be chosen.

Presentations already prepared for use in solo ensemble or other programs are acceptable.

Props, costumes, and makeup may be used to enhance the quality of the performance. Modest attire or costuming must be selected.

A piano, one microphone and music stands will be provided for optional use. Keyboard, extension cords, amps, and other instruments or equipment must be brought by participants. There is **not** a mixing table available to use.

A short introduction must be given. This introduction should include information about the selection(s) or composer.

After the performance, all participants will meet with the judges for an evaluation.

Blue (1<sup>st</sup> place) or red (2<sup>nd</sup> place) ribbons will be awarded for all entries. Any number of blue or red ribbons can be presented overall for each Music and Movement category.

Entries earning a blue ribbon will be eligible for additional awards as follows:

- Best Instrumental (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Instrumental (certificate)
- Best Vocal (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Vocal (certificate)
- Best Novelty (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Novelty (certificate)
- Best Dance (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Dance (certificate)
- Best Lip Sync (certificate and traveling trophy)
- Honorable Mention Lip Sync (certificate)