

Willowdale`s Got Talent

Are you ready for an extravaganza of talent from Willowdale Jamat Khana? *Willowdale's Got Talent!* will be putting a smile on everyone's face on Saturday, December 18, 2021, and we want YOU to be a part of the show! We know our Jamat has a bunch of talented individuals and there has been plenty of time to practice and learn a new talent. So, send us a submission and show us what you got!!

Here is what you need to do: Complete the registration form and submit a short video clip featuring your talent. This is your chance to be creative and share your talent with all of us. The selected talent videos will be presented via Jamati virtual (zoom) event. Here are some examples of talents you may like to showcase!

Category 1: Performing Arts

1. Play a musical instrument
2. Perform a dance
3. Sing a song (with music in the background, if possible)
4. Create a skit
5. Puppetry
6. Stand-up comedy
7. Mimicry
8. Magic/Illusion
9. Mime
10. Spoken word/Poetry reading

Category 2: Visual Arts

1. Painting
2. Drawing
3. Digital art
4. Ceramics
5. Video/Film making

Category 3: Miscellaneous

1. Yoyo tricks
2. Card tricks
3. Hula Hooping
4. Juggling
5. Jump rope tricks
6. Karate or skateboard tricks
7. Create a TikTok video
8. Cooking
9. Ventriloquist act

Any other talent item from any category which is not listed above, can also be submitted for evaluation

General Guidelines

- All performances (except skit) should be limited to 1-3 minutes maximum. Skits and other dramatic performances must be 1-5 minutes maximum.
- Minimum age group for video submissions is 7 years and older.
- For participants **17 years of age and under**, parents/guardians must complete the registration form with parent/guardian contact details.
- The talent videos can be submitted as solo or group performances. The participants for group items will be required to maintain social distance to ensure the health and safety of the Jamat during the ongoing global COVID pandemic. Below are the exceptions for the group items:
 - Participants from **the same household** can form a group to submit an in-person video.
 - Participants **NOT from the same household** can **ONLY** form a virtual group.
 - There is no limit on the number of participants submitting a group video recorded virtually OR in person (same household)
- While submitting your talent video, please provide the original text and, where applicable, the English translation for any submissions including text in another language. This applies to the song lyrics, dance song lyrics, script of your stand-up, skit, spoken word/poetry and other verbal or visual communications etc.
- Participants should not submit any talent video which has already been broadcasted and presented on any social media platform like YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok etc. Participants should also refrain from posting the talent show video on social media platforms **before the event**.
- Images of the Imams or Mawlana Hazar Imam's family, personal standard of Mawlana Hazar Imam, Imamat Crest, Ismaili Flag, Nashid al-Imamah, Taj, volunteer badge, Jubilee logos, AKDN and other institutional logos will **NOT** be permissible in the video. Video submissions that include content relating to the practice of the faith, religious ceremonies, or rituals that are performed within Jamatkhana will **NOT** be permitted.

- No technical voice enhancement tools are permitted in your voice recording video. While participants may have access to a home studio or recording software, please do not alter the voice, singing style, and the element of originality of your recording.
- All talent video submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Technique
 - Content
 - Creativity
 - Delivery
 - Overall Impression

Below are the specific guidelines related to dance and singing items:

Dance items

1. The talent videos can be submitted as solo or group performances. Please refer to the above exceptions for group items.
2. The song lyrics and relevant costumes should be decent/appropriate, and song text/translation must be submitted along with your video.

Singing items

1. The talent videos can be submitted as solo or group performances in any cultural style and language. Please refer to the above exceptions for group items.
2. Vocalists may be accompanied by live instrumentalists and/or recorded tracks.
3. The song lyrics and relevant costumes should be decent/appropriate and song text/translation must be submitted along with your video.

Kindly submit your talent video latest by **November 21, 2021**. **After you complete your participant registration, you'll receive an email informing you with instructions where to upload your pre-recorded video.** Video submissions after the deadline will **NOT** be accepted.

All item videos will be reviewed by the Talent Show organising team and you may be asked to edit/re-submit your video if it is not complying with the above guidelines. The organising team reserves the right to disqualify a submission that is considered inappropriate, even if it is not mentioned in the above list. Please make sure to adhere to the timelines below for submissions.

Important Timelines for submissions and event:

Participant Virtual Information Session - Oct 31, 2021

Participant Registrations deadline - Nov 14, 2021

Video submission deadline - Nov 21, 2021

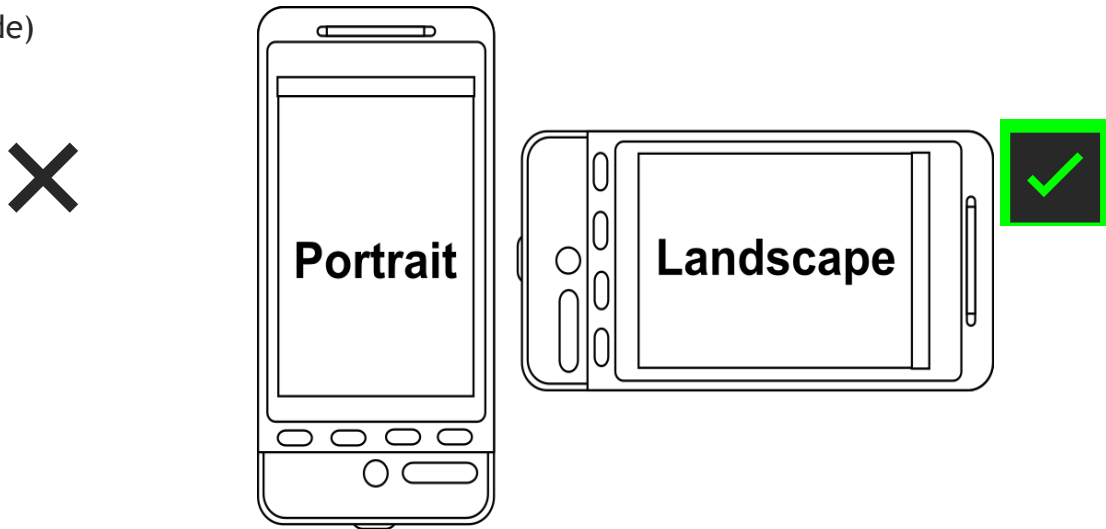
Participants notification for final selection - Nov 28, 2021

Willowdale Virtual Event Show - Dec 18, 2021

For general inquiries, please contact WillowdaleTalent@gmail.com

Guidelines for submitting the video

- Title your video file with First Name, Last Name, Age and category of talent in the subject line
- Make sure your lighting and audio is bright and clear - voice should be louder than music
- Only participant(s) should appear in the video (avoid pets, younger siblings, etc.)
- If you are taking the video from phone, make sure you record horizontally (in landscape mode)



Tips to record your video

1. Can be recorded outside in a park or natural environment
2. Arrange a self-zoom meeting and record your item on zoom
3. Choose a virtual background to record your talent

FAQS

1. Can I record with a friend from a different Jamatkhana?

- *Yes, virtually.*

2. Can I record an in-person video with my friend?

- *No. Please use assistance from someone in the same household.*

3. Can I dance on/sing a Bollywood song?

- *Yes, per guideline must be appropriate and English translation of the lyrics must be provided.*

4. Can I submit more than one video?

- *Yes. One from each category, maximum of two.*

5. Can all members of my family submit a video?

- *Yes.*

6. Can I submit video with non-Ismaili friend?

- *No.*

7. Can I submit video with a multi-faith family member (Same household)?

- *Yes.*

8. Can I submit video with multi-faith family member (Not in the same household)?

- *Yes. Virtually.*

9. Why did my video not get selected?

- *We have a time restriction for this program and not all videos may be shown.*
- *If your video is not part of this selection, it will be shown at a future Willowdale event.*