

Talent Contest

May be used with the Kara DioGuardi lesson found in Volume 10, No. 1, August/September 2009 Music Express.

If applicable to your school situation, offer a Talent Contest with performances *by* the students *for* the students, where everyone who enters gets a prize! Here are some suggestions:

1. Select a date/s for the Talent Contest.
2. Have students sign up to share their talent. Remember talent can be singing, playing an instrument, choreography to a recording, drama skit, a reading, or master/mistress of ceremonies for the event. Establish a time limit for each performer depending on the number of students and the allotted class time.
3. Help students choose the music or selection for their talent.
4. Before the Talent Contest, review guidelines for concert etiquette, critiquing with care, and encouraging our peers.
5. Invite family and friends of performers to the Talent Contest class time.
6. Give a "Music Express Star Performer" certificate to all performers. You can download this certificate at our website at www.musicexpressmagazine.com, Teachers' Corner, Music Worksheets, Star Performer Certificate.
7. The panel of judges can be a selected group of students, or better yet, the entire audience! Download the "You Be the Judge!" form from our website at www.musicexpressmagazine.com, Teachers' Corner, Music Worksheets, You Be the Judge Form.
8. If you choose, you could also have students use this form to evaluate a local community or school concert, a video performance, etc.