

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Amateur Talent Contest Winners 1973-2019

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| 1973 | Kithara (pop-rock group) | 1993 | Open: Excalibur (vocal quartet)
Teen: Jennifer Larson (dance)
Pre-Teen: Joshua Peterson (piano solo) |
| 1974 | Mom's Apple Pie (comedy group) | | |
| 1975 | Roadrunners (barbershop quartet) | 1994 | Open: The Bachelors (a cappella group)
Teen: Sarah Sue Gibbs (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Special T (dance duet) |
| 1976 | Brewerettes (gospel group) | | |
| 1977 | Open: Louise Luedke (vocalist)
Junior: Erik Rantapaa (pianist) | 1995 | Open: Tom Mills, Sara Renner & Chryss Peter (vocal trio)
Teen: Andrea Barnicle (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Nicole Ali (piano) |
| 1978 | Open: Ukrainian Dancers
Junior: Aaron Rantapaa (pianist) | | |
| 1979 | Open: Sunshine Special (barbershop quartet)
Junior: Lena Katzenmaier (pianist) | 1996 | Open: Nathan Beck (vocal solo)
Teen: Mary Prescott (piano solo)
Pre-Teen: Collin Anderson (piano solo) |
| 1980 | Open: J.D. Steele Singers (gospel group)
Junior: Heather Kolbrek (fiddler) | 1997 | Open: Rachel Lee (vocal solo)
Teen: Clogging Premier Jr. (clogging group)
Pre-Teen: Maggie Hoadly (dance solo) |
| 1981 | Open: Blue Grass Connection
Junior: Brian Krinke (pianist) | | |
| 1982 | Open: Geovonee Eugene Ford (vocalist)
Junior: Dean Johnson (pianist) | 1998 | Open: Ten Foot Five (dance group)
Teen: Sarah Wentworth (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Clint & Cole Holmstrom (basketball performance) |
| 1983 | Open: Phillip Bauer (vocalist)
Junior: Natalie Moore (vocalist) | 1999 | Open: Erin Callahan (baton)
Teen: Holly Stiles (instrumental)
Pre-Teen: Jillian Marie LeVasseur (vocal) |
| 1984 | Open: Trina Hamlin (vocalist)
Junior: Kay Williams (dancer) | | |
| 1985 | Open: Brian Krinke (classical violinist)
Junior: Michael Lentz (break dancer) | 2000 | Open: Renee Marie Lande (vocal solo)
Teen: Chelsea McKinnies (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Christian G. DeMarais (dance solo) |
| 1986 | Open: Cindy Reusswig (vocalist)
Junior: Susie Fuhr (clog dancer) | 2001 | Open: Holly Stiles (violin instrumental)
Teen: Caitlyn Smith (vocal/guitar)
Pre-Teen: Rose Marie Bart (cello solo) |
| 1987 | Open: Ellen and Doug (comedy dance duet)
Junior: T & T (vocal duet) | 2002 | Open: Alexandra Hoopes (violin solo)
Teen: Mario Diaz-Moresco (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Dare Kujawa (dance) |
| 1988 | Open: The Cassidy Brothers (vocal quintet)
Junior: Kyle Witherow (saxophone solo) | 2003 | Open: Max and Kecia (storytelling)
Teen: Cameron Hughe (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Amy Zhang (piano solo) |
| 1989 | Open: Stephanie Henrichs (ballet dancer)
Junior: Jennifer Armour (vocalist) | | |
| 1990 | Open: M.C.C. Gospel Choir
Teen: Angie Trapp (pianist)
Pre-Teen: Jaqueline Jaquez (vocalist) | 2004 | Open: Lila Ammons (vocal solo)
Teen: Brittany Henry (violin solo)
Pre-Teen: Erik Nordahl (piano solo) |
| 1991 | Open: The Norvold Sisters (vocal trio)
Teen: Molly Mahoney and Terra Staber (ballet)
Pre-Teen: Haivy Nguyen (piano solo) | 2005 | Open: DJ Snuggles (vocal percussion)
Teen: Christian DeMarais (dance)
Pre-Teen: Jeff Zhang (piano solo) |
| 1992 | Open: Power (vocal group)
Teen: Christa Hill (dance)
Pre-Teen: Bo Kim (piano solo) | 2006 | Open: Josiah Gulden (vocal solo)
Teen: Trey's Crew (dance)
Pre-Teen: Cindy Lu (piano solo) |

- 2007 Open: The Limns (band performance)
Teen: Aria Stiles (violin solo)
Pre-Teen: Ashlee Fuss (vocal/dance solo)
- 2008 Open: Callie Syverson and Brett Anderson (vocal/dance duet)
Teen: Jeff Zhang (piano solo)
Pre-Teen: Derek Hartman (piano solo)
- 2009 Open: Sedra Bistodeau (violin solo)
Teen: Liv Redpath (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Julius Andrews IV (vocal solo)
- 2010 Open: Nick Wishard (vocal percussion)
Teen: The Five of Clubs (juggling)
Pre-Teen: The Way You Make Me Feel (dance duet)
- 2011 Open: Connor Engstrom (guitar solo)
Teen: Tori Adams (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Josie Nelson (vocal/guitar solo)
- 2012 Open: Aria Stiles (violin solo)
Teen: Kaeli Patchen (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Selena Brills (vocal solo)
- 2013 Open: Melanie Bratsch (vocal solo)
Teen: Mary Alice Hutton (violin solo)
Pre-Teen: Gideon Scheeler (piano solo)
- 2014 Open: Moriah Huerta (vocal solo)
Teen: Sunday Manisto-Saari (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Jacob Taggart (piano solo)
- 2015 Open: Family Three (vocal/guitar/mandolin trio)
Teen: Nick Stone & Emily McCurdy (dance duet)
Pre-Teen: Emma Taggart (piano solo)
- 2016 Open: Anne Goedtke (cello solo)
Teen: Amanda Chan (piano solo)
Pre-Teen: Gabby Bruestle (vocal solo)
- 2017 Open: Russ Parrish (vocal/guitar performance)
Teen: 612LIVE (band)
Pre-Teen: Aurora Wang (piano performance)
- 2018 Open: Nick Hodge (acrobatic solo)
Teen: Lauren Senden (vocal solo)
Pre-Teen: Aaliyah Dixon (dance solo)
- 2019 Open: Shawnessy Lau (vocal solo)
Teen: Kathleen Thompson (piano solo)
Pre-Teen: Danica Scofield (piano solo)