

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

## Amateur Talent Contest Winners 1973-2017

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