



香港安安國際自閉症教育基金會 AnAn International Education Foundation

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Autistic Talent Gala 2017 Schedule and Conditions



Background and Mission

The Autistic Talent Gala is a leading international musical event held annually since 2014. In the past three years, autistic persons from over 20 countries in the Asia Pacific regions have participated the competition in Hong Kong. Autistic contestants are encouraged to reveal their talents on stage. It is an open platform for different people from various societies to communicate and better understand about autism.

Organizer

AnAn International Education Foundation Hong Kong

AnAn International Education Foundation Hong Kong was established in 2006 and subsequently registered with the Hong Kong government as a charitable institution in 2011 (IR file no.: 91/11513). Our foundation is dedicated to autism education work including rehabilitation education, medical research, tools development and community advocacy. In 2016, we established Hong Kong's first non-profit making professional music therapy centre in Tsim Sha Tsui. We have also been operating six rehabilitation centres in China serving over 4000 autistic persons annually.

Target Participants:

Autistic persons from all around the world

Autistic Talent Gala – Preliminary Round and the Finals

Type of performance:

Performance associated with music, e.g. dancing, singing, playing instruments, etc.

Category of Participation

- Individual and Group events
- Welcome all Autistic persons, regardless of nationality, gender and age
- There should be at least one-third of the participants in each group are autistic and the performance will be based on autistic participants' involvement.





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Application

To join the Autistic Talent Gala, you are required to fill in the application form and submit the form together with a video performance which should be within 5 minutes to the Organizer. The performance shall be music related including but not limited to singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, etc.

- 1) Put the video in DVD, USB or memory card, and then mail it to our office together with the application form (DVD, USB and memory card will not be returned)
- 2) Upload the video on the online application form
- 3) Upload the video on video-sharing website (e.g. Youtube, Youku, etc.) or Dropbox, and then send the website link to our email together with the application form

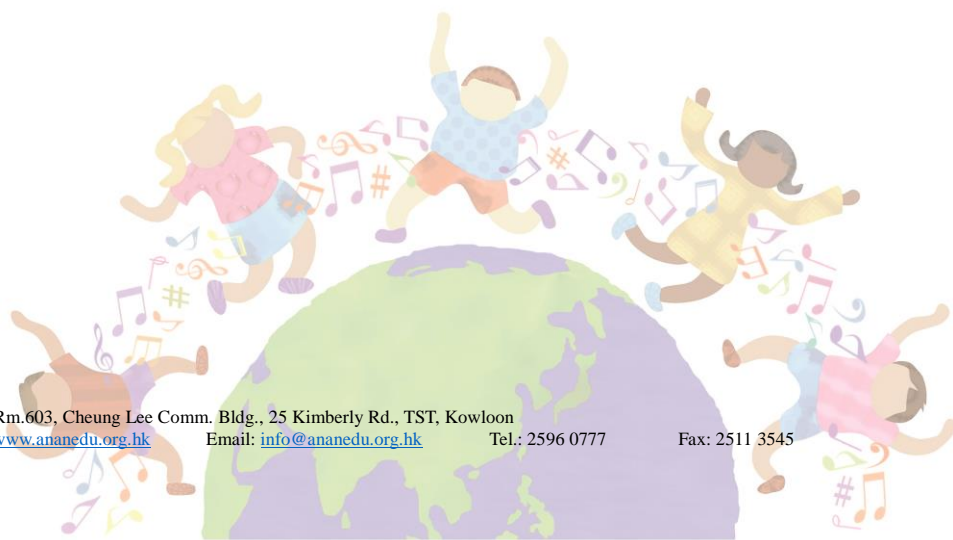
* The Organizer is entitled to the copyright in using and editing the performance clips for the event. Please refer to the application form for submission.

Online Voting

Performance clips submitted by contestants will be uploaded to two video sharing platforms: Youtube & Youku, for viewing and voting. Contestants with the highest vote of "like" in each platform will be awarded "Online Most Popular Award". Online Voting will be started from 09:00 on August 7, 2017 to 23:59 September 10, 2017. Online voting carries 20% of the marks in the preliminary round.

The Preliminary Round

The jury for the Preliminary Round is composed of representatives from all functional sectors in Hong Kong. A total of 15-18 contestants / teams will be selected to join the Finals in Hong Kong. Result will be announced on September 18, 2017 at the organizer's website www.ananedu.org.hk. All finalists will receive individual notices. The jury reserves the right of final decision, participants may not dissent.





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The Finals and Award Presentation Ceremony

Date: December 18, 2017 (Monday)

Time: 19:00

Venue: Y Theatre, Youth Square, Chai Wan

Content: Every contestant / team will have a maximum of 5 minutes for the performance. A panel of judges from the musical, educational and NGO background will select award winners and all the prizes will be presented on that evening.

Remarks: The selected foreign contestants / teams of the Preliminary Round will be invited to join the Finals in Hong Kong with a maximum of HK\$5,000 subsidy. The subsidy is for sponsoring the transportation and accommodation costs for the contestants and their guardians to participate in the Finals in Hong Kong. For selected local contestants / teams, a maximum of HK\$2,000 subsidy will be provided for transportation to and from the venue.

All subsidy will be claimed on actual reimbursement with original invoices and receipts. The Organizer has the final decision on the approval of the subsidy.

The contestants may change the song used in the Final while the category of performance shall remain unchanged. For Group contestants, the performers in the Finals must be present in the Preliminary Round while the number of performers shall be equal to or less than those in the Preliminary Round.

In the Finals, the contestants are required to bring their own musical instruments if necessary. The Organizer will provide one set of keyboard, one set of jazz drum, and one piano.

Time Line

June 16, 2017	Open for Application
July 31, 2017	Deadline of Application
August 7, 2017	Start of Online Voting (09:00)
September 10, 2017	End of Online Voting (23:59)
September 16, 2017	Judging for the Preliminary Round
September 18, 2017	Announcement of Finalists
December 18, 2017	Finals and Award Presentation Ceremony





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Awards

- Online Most Popular Award (Youtube & Youku)
- Best Expression Award (Individual & Group)
- Best Visual Effects Award (Individual & Group)
- Best Rhythm Award (Individual & Group)

Coming Activities! (Details will be announced soon)

Colouring

You are invited to show your creativity in drawing and colouring the STAR graphic offered. All graphic received will be consolidated to an impressive artwork to be displayed in the Finals.

Experience Sharing

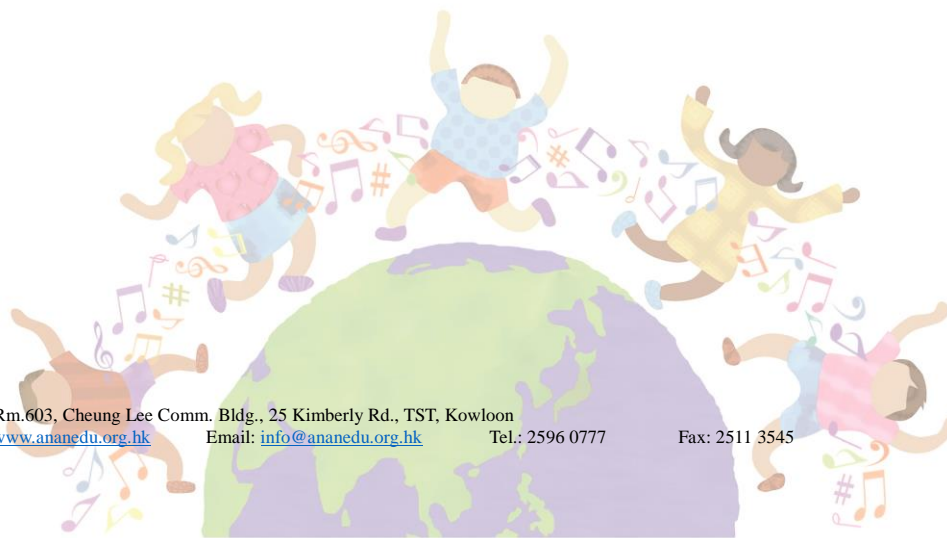
Contestants and their guardians are invited to share their stories, experiences, touching moments and photos along with the form provided. All sharing will be displayed for viewing in the Finals venue for all the guests, audiences and contestants. Your stories may also be published on our website and Facebook.

Visit Rehabilitation Centre

Visit the local rehabilitation Centre that arranged by the Organizer provides the opportunities to share the updated information and developments about autism rehabilitation in Hong Kong.

Special Performers – Talent Kids

As we realised that it is difficult for some autistic kids to acquire advanced music techniques and enter into the Finals, the organizer will consider different factors and will invite those children who are creative and diligent to perform in the Finals. The amount of subsidy is the same as the finalists.





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Hall of Fame of Charming Stars

In order to praise the past excellent performances and encourage more autistic persons to join the Gala, participant who already obtained 2 awards will be promoted to the status of "Charming Star" and inducted into the Hall of Fame! (excluding "Online Most Popular Award")

Performance clips of the "Charming Star" will be shown on the website, and a certificate of merit will be offered to these performers. Although Charming Stars are not attracted to this competition, they may be invited to be the special guest performer at the Gala (the number of performers will vary on the discretion of the Organizer).

Enquiry & Contact

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Application form and poster can be downloaded on the Organizer's website:
www.ananedu.org.hk.

