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**Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc.  
Present the 5th Annual GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search**

*“Shine Like the Star You Are”*

**VOCALISTS \* DANCERS \* INSTRUMENTALISTS \* VARIETY ACTS \* SONGWRITERS**  
All Ages to compete for over \$5,000.00 in prizes, recording sessions, trophies and cash at the Nebraska State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search in the Open Air Auditorium at the State Fair Park in Lincoln. Semi-Finals: Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 PM; Finals: Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 12-6 PM.

The 2009 GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search is open to Nebraska Residents only. Contestants competing at the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Nebraska State Fair Semi-Finals will be selected from the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Mail-In Entry Video Contest. Professionals in the music industry in Nashville, Tennessee will judge all entries submitted for the Video Contest and the Galaxy of Stars® Songwriting Contest. The Fee is \$30.00 for each performance and song submitted. Judges Comments will be returned for each entry. Mail all entries to [Galaxy of Stars, P.O. Box 3566, Brentwood, TN 37024-3566](mailto:Galaxy of Stars, P.O. Box 3566, Brentwood, TN 37024-3566). All entries must be received on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contestants enter in one of Three Age Divisions: Comets (12 & Under), Shooting Stars (13 to 18) and Novas (19 & Over) and compete in their age division against all individual and group talent (vocal, dance, instrumental and variety). A video (DVD or VHS) can be made with a digital or video camera. Talent and quality of performance is emphasized, *not* the highest quality of recording. The Galaxy of Stars® Songwriting Contest is open to all ages; songwriters do not compete in an age division. Songwriters submit a CD or Cassette. All required entry forms can be downloaded at [www.galaxyofstars.us](http://www.galaxyofstars.us), the official website of Galaxy of Stars®.

Video contestants qualifying to advance to the Semi-Finals are selected according to a rank of the highest performance scores in Three Age Divisions. A minimum of 40 qualified Video winners advance to the Semi-Finals. A minimum of 20 Semi-Finals winners will compete in the Finals.

Songwriter winners are selected from the Mail-In Entry Contest according to a rank of the highest scoring songs. The top 5 songwriters will showcase their songs during the Finals competition. The top 3 songwriters will be announced and receive their awards at the Finals Awards Ceremony

Video contestants advancing to the Semi-Finals and the Top 5 Songwriters will be listed by July 27<sup>th</sup> on the Galaxy of Stars® website.

The 2009 Nebraska State Fair opens August 28 and will run through Labor Day, September 7. For more information on the State Fair visit [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org).

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