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THE NEXT BIG THING 2015

**Talent Competition
For 10 – 17 year olds**

Whether you're a singer, dancer, juggler, comedian, magician or rock star in the making, we're looking for the very best talent the Isle of Man has to offer. If you have a talent then we want you to audition for **'The Next Big Thing 2015'**.

This competition is the Isle of Man's answer to Britain's Got Talent and is being run by Manx Registered Charity 'Junior Achievement'. **The Next Big Thing** is open to young people aged between 10 to 17 on February 28th 2015.

Before filling in your application form please make sure you read the rules on the reverse of this page. Your completed application form must be received by Junior Achievement no later than Monday 20th October 2014.

Auditions

Auditions will be held on Sunday 9th November 2014 at Manx Legion Club, Market Hill, Douglas or on Sunday 16th November at the Youth Arts Centre, Kensington Road, Douglas.

Semi Final

Once the auditions have been completed up to 30 acts will be invited back to take part in a semi final to be held at the Youth Arts Centre, Kensington Road Douglas on Sunday 23rd November.

Grand Final

15 acts will be chosen to take part in the Grand Final at the **Gaiety Theatre** on 28th February 2015. The winner will receive a fantastic cash prize of **£500** (sponsored by Isle of Man Steam Packet Company). 2nd prize is **£250** (sponsored by Manx Professional and Educational Services Ltd) and 3rd prize is **£150** (Hartford Homes).

For more information call Sally on 666266 or visit

www.thenextbigthing.im

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Rules of the Competition

General Rules

- All contestants must be 10 to 17 years old on the 28 February 2015. At the judges request it may be necessary to provide proof of your date of birth.
- Acts must be amateurs; professional entertainers are not eligible for the competition
- All acts must reside in the Isle of Man
- Ordinarily each act will be given a maximum of three minutes performance time during the auditions. Bands or specialty acts will be allowed up to five minutes. An official timer will be present and acts will be stopped after the designated time.
- A maximum of two microphones, PA, and CD player will be provided. Applicants must provide their own backing music on CD and any other props or equipment required for their performance, it is your responsibility to ensure any such equipment is safe and well maintained. No responsibility will be taken for poor sound quality on tracks. At auditions bands will be provided with drum kit and amp
- The Competition is open to all performers; e.g. singing, dancing, juggling, magic tricks.
- Each contestant may only enter **ONCE** (in a group OR individually).
- Groups, Choirs or Dance Acts must consist of no more than 15 people. Bands and Groups please note - **EACH** registered participant of your group must have their parents' signature authorising their participation.
- All acts aged 16 or under have to be accompanied by at least one adult/guardian
- Any act who has taken first place will not be eligible to compete again for a period of two years.
- By entering the competition you are giving permission for your image to be used for promotional use only
- Only entrants who took part in the original audition will be able to take part in the semi or grand final if selected. No acts must be substituted without the written permission of Junior Achievement
- Proper behaviour is expected at all times from the contestants and the adults accompanying them. Improper behaviour will result in disqualification. This includes poor sportsmanship, bad manners, lack of decorum, approaching judges etc. Disqualification decisions will be made by Junior Achievement staff and are final

Acts must be available for the following dates

- Acts must be available for the following: **Semi-final on 23rd November**, Dress Rehearsal on the evening of **Thursday 26th February and Friday 27th February 2015** at The Gaiety Theatre and all day and evening of the Grand Final on **Saturday 28th February**.

The Performance

- No props are permitted in the presentation unless they are absolutely essential to the talent performance. Any props are the responsibility of the contestant and must be ones the contestant can carry on and off the stage without the assistance of another person. No other person can be used as a performance prop, unless part of the group division. This does not apply to musical instruments essential for the performance
- Coaching from off stage, in the audience, backstage or during a performance to assist any contestant is prohibited
- All Acts must be safe and appropriate for general audiences. Acts involving baton-twirlers or similar acts using batons, machetes, knives etc, will not be accepted. No fire, smoke or smoke-effect will be allowed on stage at any time
- Judges are not allowed to discuss contestants and/or acts with anyone other than those on the Judges panel. Please do not approach judges for explanations regarding their decisions

Semi Final and Final

- Acts reaching the grand final can extend their act up to five minutes. As we are unable to stop an act during the live show five penalty points will be deducted from any act that exceeds the five minute time limit
- The act and song choice performed in the semi-final must remain the same for the grand final unless it need to be changed due to exceptional circumstances. Any change must be agreed by Junior Achievement.

We regret that due to a large number of applications we will not be able to notify unsuccessful contestants on an individual basis. If you are successful in reaching the semi-final you will be notified by telephone no later than Tuesday 18 November 2014.



APPLICATION FORM FOR THE NEXT BIG THING 2015

Main Contact Details

Name	
Address	
E-mail address to confirm receipt of your application	
Contact telephone number	
Name of your act	
Description of your act	
How many people in your act?	

Each person in your act must have the consent of a parent/guardian to participate

By signing this form you are agreeing to let your son or daughter participate in 'The Next Big Thing' and that you have read and agreed to abide by the rules and regulations.

All acts aged 16 or under have to be accompanied by at least one adult/guardian. In the case of more than one participant each parent/guardian will need to give their approval for their child to enter the Competition.

Name of contestant	Date of Birth	Signature of Parent or Guardian	Contact Number	Date Signed

Closing date for entries is 20th October 2014.

Within four weeks of receiving your form you will be sent an audition date.

**Please return your form to:
Sally Drinkwater, Junior Achievement, Suite 2, Peterson House,
Middle River, Douglas. IM2 1AL**