

FEBRUARY 13, 2010

TO: ALL LOUISIANA KIDS MEMBERS AND PARENTS

FROM: LOUISIANA KIDS STATE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: "2010" LOUISIANA KIDS SECOND AND FINAL REGIONAL COMPETITION

HOPE THIS GREETING FINDS EVERY ONE IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE LOUISIANA KIDS ORGANIZATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL OUR DIRECTORS AND SHOW PRODUCERS FOR ORGANIZING OUR SECOND AND FINAL REGIONAL COMPETITION FOR THE 2010 SEASON.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT EVERY CONTESTANT PARTICIPATING IN OUR COMPETITION EVENT MUST PURCHASE A 2010 MEMORY BOOK WHICH IS ISSUED AT STATE FINALS. YOU MUST INCLUDE THE \$20.00 MEMORY BOOK FEE WITH YOUR FIRST REGIONAL COMPETITION ACT ENTRY, REGARDLESS IF YOU ARE SOLO OR GROUP. ONE BOOK WILL BE MANDATORY PER ENTERTAINER. EACH MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A FREE QUARTER PAGE AD (\$100.00 VALUE) THE DEADLINE DATE FOR YOUR FREE QUARTER PAGE AD IS SATURDAY SATURDAY MAY 8, 2010. EACH CONTESTANT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SELL ADS FOR THE MEMORY BOOK. 50% OF ADD FEES COLLECTED CAN BE APPLIED TO YOUR STATE COMPETITION FEES. AD FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FULL PAGE \$200 / HALF PAGE \$150 / QUARTER PAGE \$100 / BUSINESS CARD \$20.

OUR SECOND REGIONAL EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE **SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010**. AT ST. ROSALIE CAFETORIUM LOCATED AT 617 SECOND AVENUE HARVEY, LOUISIANA 70058. **THE ENTRY DEADLINE DATE IS SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010. ANY ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CHARGED A \$15.00, PER ACT, LATE FEE. NO ACTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010.** IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN LOUISIANA STATE FINALS YOU MUST HAVE QUALIFIED IN THE FEBRUARY REGIONAL OR IN THIS APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2010, REGIONAL.

AS IN THE PAST, ACT FEES *SHOULD BE* TURNED IN WITH ACT SHEETS BY THE LOUISIANA KIDS MEMBER AND NOT THROUGH THE AFFILLIATE STUDIO. EVERY REGISTERED STUDIO AFFILLIATE WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THEIR PERCENTAGE OF ACT FEES SUBMITTED, WITH A MINIMUM OF TEN ACTS OR MORE PER STUDIO, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STUDIO PERCENTAGE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIST THE NAME OF YOUR STUDIO ON LINE #2 OF THE ACT ENTRY FORM.

**NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE DATE OF SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010. DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF NON-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECKS WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST, THERE WILL BE A \$25 NSF FEE CHARGED ON ANY NSF CHECKS RECEIVED. THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

**(SORRY - WE NO LONGER ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS).**

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED THE SOLO AND GROUP ENTRY FORMS FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION. PLEASE NOTE AND SIGN BOTTOM OF SOLO AND GROUP ACT FORMS STATING THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ACT AND CATEGORY YOUR CHILD WILL BE COMPETING IN. ONCE THIS FORM IS TURNED IN, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGING OF ACT OR CATEGORY. EACH MEMBER MUST HAVE A PAID 2010 MEMBERSHIP WITH LOUISIANA KIDS TO ENTER COMPETITION.

(OVER)

ALL OF OUR COMPETITIONS ARE STRICTLY OPTIONAL. WE OFFER THESE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WHO MAY WANT TO EXPAND THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE PERFORMING ARTS BY HAVING THEIR ACTS JUDGED BEFORE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH ENTERTAINMENT BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE.

ALL LOUISIANA KIDS COMPETITIONS START ON A REGIONAL LEVEL ADVANCING TO "STATE FINALS" WITH NATIONAL FINALS IN BRANSON MISSOURI, BEING OUR ULTIMATE GOAL OF DESTINATION.

**\*\*LOUISIANA ONLY FOR 2010\*\*** WE WILL OFFER OUR ALUMNI TO COMPETE, THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR SCHEDULED EVENTS, YOU WILL HAVE TO QUALIFY AT REGIONALS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE STATE LEVEL. IF ANY OTHER MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM WITH ALUMNI MEMBERS, THEY WILL BE JUDGED IN THE ALUMNI CATEGORY. THE ALUMNI COMPETITION WILL BE AWARDED SEPERATE FROM OUR NORMAL EVENT AWARDS AS IN THE PAST YEARS. ALUMNI ACTS CAN ONLY ADVANCE TO STATE FINALS.

THIS YEAR WE WILL OFFER, "VOCAL NATIONAL ANTHEM" AND A NEW CATEGORY "BLUES" BOTH AWARDED AS IT'S OWN TALENT CATEGORY. SAME AS LAST YEAR, PARTICIPANTS MAY ENTER MORE THAN ONE ACT PER CATEGORY AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION, BUT MAY ONLY WIN ONCE IN THE SAME CATEGORY.

DO NOT FORGET TIME LIMITS OF 3 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS ALLOWED FOR ALL ACTS, WITH A SET UP AND TEAR DOWN TIME OF 1 MINUTE. PRODUCTION NUMBERS OF 10 OR MORE CONTESTANTS, MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 3 MINUTES AND 16 SECONDS AND A MAXIMUM OF 5 MINUTES WITH 2 MINUTES MAXIMUM SET UP AND TEAR DOWN TIME. ONLY ONE SONG PER CD CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME AND SONG TITLE ONLY, ALONG WITH A BACK UP. TO RECEIVE CASH AWARDS, CONTESTANTS MUST BE PRESENT AT AWARD CEREMONY.

NATIONAL FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE MID JULY IN BRANSON, MO. SAME AS LAST YEAR AT NATIONAL FINALS ONLY, CLASSICAL WILL BE COMBINED WITH SERIOUS, CHARACTER WILL BE COMBINED WITH MUSICAL THEATRE, PATRIOTIC WILL GO IN THE CATEGORY OF THE SONG STYLE, "CONTESTANT TO DECIDE", GENERAL VARIETY WILL BE ONE TALENT CATEGORY WITH A NAME CHANGE TO "SPECIALTY ACT", DANCE ACTS WILL BE COMBINED IN ONE TALENT CATEGORY OF "DANCE". NOTE\* THIS IS ONLY AT NATIONALS IN BRANSON, MO., LOUISIANA REGIONALS AND STATE FINALS WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS IN THE PAST YEARS. OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE THE DECISION NOT TO MAKE THESE CHANGES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPLETING ENTRY FORMS, PLEASE CALL THE STATE OFFICE @ 504 341 2196 OR 504 296 8815. OR E-MAIL LOUISIANAKIDS@AOL.COM, OR [www.louisianakids.us](http://www.louisianakids.us)

FOR COMPLETE LISTING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OUR 2010 GUIDEBOOK, PLEASE REFER TO [www.louisianakids.us](http://www.louisianakids.us)

MANY THANKS,  
GOD BLESS,  
MIKE J. HYMEL / TED P. BERGERON JR.  
LOUISIANA KIDS CO STATE DIRECTORS/NATIONAL COORDINATORS