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## Perris Got Talent Open Audition Registration Now Open

Musicians, rappers, singers, dancers and gymnasts—hear ye the call!

The 4th annual “Perris Got Talent” competition kicks off at 10 a.m. Sept. 23 with open auditions at the Bob Glass Gym, 101 North D Street. The top five contestants in each of a trio of categories will be invited back to participate in the semi-finals that take place beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7.

The top three competitors in Junior (ages 5 to 12), Senior (ages 13 to 17) and Adult (over 18) divisions will battle in the finals a week later. Finals competition begins Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

The grand prize winner pockets \$800, with \$500 going for second-place and \$200 for third. Trophies also will be presented.

Recreation Coordinator Sarina Gilmore, who is organizing the competition, said Perris Got Talent benefits competitors in several ways.

“It’s a great opportunity for people, especially young people, to learn what the entertainment business is all about and to perform before a live audience that includes judges,” Gilmore said. “Many of our contestants are quite good. Some have even gone on to perform professionally.”

Gilmore said one reason Perris Got Talent was created was to encourage artists to develop their craft as entertainers. Many of those participating are adolescents and young adults.

But the competition draws adults as well. One 2016 winner was a man in his 60s who sang opera.

Online registration and additional information about Perris Got Talent is available at [www.pgt2017.com](http://www.pgt2017.com) or by calling 951-943-6603.

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