

# Odessa's Got Talent 2025

## Overview, Procedures, and Expectations

### Dates:

Virtual submission of participant's performance is due by midnight Monday, April 21, 2025

Finalists announced: by Wednesday April 30, 2025

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for all finalists: Friday, June 6, 2025 (Ector Theatre, time TBD).

Finals Performance: Saturday, June 7, 2025 (Ector Theatre)

### Awards:

- Total Prize pool is guaranteed to be at least \$9,000.
- Odessa's Got Talent reserves the right to determine and/or change the available categories of competition based on the number of entries.
- Finalists are determined exclusively by the board of directors of the Permian Basin Mission Center.
- Odessa's Got Talent Judges will determine the winners of each category at the live finals event. All decisions are final.
- Cash prizes totaling at least \$8,000 will be distributed to the winners of each category. The number of prizes awarded in each category is determined by the total number of entries.
- The People's Choice Award is an additional \$1000 prize to be awarded to the Finalist with the highest number of online votes (\$1/vote). Voting will be open to the public immediately after the announcement of the finalists and will continue through the end of the competition.
- Contestants may win both their category and the People's Choice Award.

### Beneficiary:

Odessa's Got Talent is a fundraiser benefitting The Permian Basin Mission Center. PBMC is a Christ-centered agency offering relief to families and individuals experiencing hardships. Emergency food boxes, rent assistance, utility bill assistance, clothing and basic household necessities are some of the ways PBMC provides relief. Your participation in this fundraiser will help PBMC continue meeting the needs of those in crisis.

### Guidelines:

- Performance is expected to be "family-friendly". PBMC Board of Directors reserves the right to exclude performances deemed inconsistent with this criteria.
- Virtual submission- must include both video and audio of the performance.
- Performance should not exceed 4 minutes.
- All performances at the Live Finals Competition on June 7, 2025 are to be the same as the submitted digital audition unless explicit permission has been previously granted.
- **Due to licensing laws, The Ector Theatre cannot play music from YouTube. Background tracks should be from a karaoke provider- the actual song file is needed, not a YouTube link.**
- Any desired background music must be provided by the contestant to the OGT A/V coordinator at least two weeks prior to the performance.
- All backline will be provided by Ector Theatre.
- Finalists will be asked to submit a bio and headshot (does not have to be professional) for upload on the PBMC website/ OGT website, which is where the supporters can vote on the People's Choice Award.
- Finalists are encouraged to promote People's Choice votes as soon as voting opens.

### Terms:

- I consent to have my name and likeness shared on PBMC's website, social media and promotional material in support of Odessa's Got Talent and Permian Basin Mission Center.
- PBMC Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel Odessa's Got Talent event for any reason. Upon cancellation, no compensation shall be made to any contestants.
- Prize money distribution is based on the discretion of the designated judges and/or PBMC board of directors.
- ***Submission of a virtual audition implies consent to the above terms and conditions.***