

Odessa's Got Talent 2026

Overview, Procedures, and Expectations

Important Dates

- **Virtual performance submission deadline:**
Sunday, April 19, 2026, by 11:59 PM
 - **Finalists announced:**
By Monday, April 27, 2026
 - **Mandatory Dress Rehearsal:**
Friday, June 5, 2026 Ector Theatre (Time TBD)
 - **Finals Performance:**
Saturday, June 6, 2026 Ector Theatre
-

Awards

- Odessa's Got Talent (OGT) reserves the right to determine and/or modify competition categories based on the number of entries or other relevant factors.
 - Finalists are selected exclusively by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Permian Basin Mission Center (PBMC).
 - Winners in each category will be determined by Odessa's Got Talent judges at the live finals event. All judges' decisions are final.
 - The People's Choice Award is an additional \$1,000 cash prize awarded to the finalist who receives the highest number of online votes (\$1 per vote).
 - Public voting will open immediately following the announcement of finalists and will remain open through the conclusion of the competition.
 - Contestants are eligible to win both the People's Choice Award and an overall Odessa's Got Talent award.
-

Beneficiary

Odessa's Got Talent is the only fundraising event benefiting the Permian Basin Mission Center (PBMC), a Christ-centered organization providing relief to families and individuals experiencing hardship. 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

- **Auditions:**
 - All performances must be **family-friendly**. The PBMC Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify any performance deemed inconsistent with this standard.
 - Virtual submissions must **include both video and audio**.
 - Performances must not exceed **four (4) minutes**.
- **Background tracks, if used:**
 - *Due to licensing restrictions, the Ector Theatre cannot use music from YouTube. **Background tracks must be provided as downloadable audio files from an approved source (e.g., karaoke providers).***

- All tracks must be submitted to the Odessa's Got Talent A/V Coordinator no later than **two (2) weeks prior** to the performance.
 - **Finalists:**
 - Finalists should plan to submit a short biography and headshot (professional photography not required) for publication on the PBMC and Odessa's Got Talent websites. These materials will be used for promotion and for People's Choice voting.
 - Finalists are expected to actively promote the competition and encourage voting as soon as public voting opens.
 - All performances at the live show must match the submitted audition unless prior written approval has been granted.
 - All backline equipment will be provided by the Ector Theatre.
 - Instruments are to be provided by the contestant.
-

Terms and Conditions

By submitting an entry, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Use of Name and Likeness

I grant permission for my name, image, and likeness to be used on PBMC and Odessa's Got Talent websites, social media platforms, and promotional materials.

2. Event Cancellation

The PBMC Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel the event for any reason. In the event of cancellation, no compensation shall be provided to contestants.

3. Prize Determination

Prize awards and distributions are determined at the discretion of the judges and/or PBMC Board of Directors. All decisions are final.

4. Promotion and Audience Engagement Requirement

I acknowledge and understand that selection for the Finals is based not only on performance merit, but also on my demonstrated ability and willingness to actively promote the competition and encourage public voting and attendance at the live show. I understand that this factor is a material and substantial consideration in finalist selection and advancement.

5. Agreement to Terms

Submission of a virtual audition constitutes my acceptance of and agreement to all terms, conditions, and expectations outlined in this document.