

# 2023 Hersey Instrumental Association Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest

## Official Rules

1. **Eligibility:** The Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA) Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest is open to students at John Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, IL.

- Entrants must be 13 years of age or older as of their date of entry. If you are under 18, you represent that you have your parent or guardian's permission to enter the Contest.
- Individuals or teams may enter more than one video, however only one may be selected as a winner.

2. **Organizers.** The organizer is the Hersey Instrumental Association, located at 1900 East Thomas Street, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Organizer will conduct the Contest as described in these Official Rules.

3. **Waiver - Agreement to Rules:** By entering this Contest, you agree to abide by these rules. HIA reserves the right to refuse, withdraw, or disqualify any entry at any time at the Organizer's sole discretion.

4. **Deadline:** Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest **closes on Monday, January 23, 2023 at midnight (CST)**. Submissions received after this time will not be considered.

5. **How to Enter:** Eligible entrants can enter HIA's Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest by

- Submitting an entry form via the online form provided at A video link must be provided **AND**
- Please use the following link to fill out the entry form and complete the video submission:  
<https://herseyband.com/in-good-taste-talent-submission>
- Once all requested items are submitted and reviewed by the Organizer, the entry video will then be displayed for voting.

6. **Video Format & Content:**

- Videos should be between 30 seconds and 4 minutes and 30 seconds. Required format is **mp4**, 1920 X 1080. HIA may request additional files.
- Absolutely NO profanity or insensitive subject matter will be permitted.
- Be appropriate for viewing by audiences of all ages -- Rated G
- Must not violate the terms of service of the host platform (i.e., TikTok, YouTube, etc.)

HIA may disqualify any entries that do not meet the above criteria. (See Rule #3)

7. **Prizes:** The top three entries will be selected to appear during the In Good Taste Fundraiser streamed online on February 12th. The entry with the most votes will receive \$500. In the case of a 1<sup>st</sup> place tie, the prize winnings of 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be split equally among the winners with the next prize being 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Similarly for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place tie, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize will be split evenly amongst the winners, however, no 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize will be offered. A tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be a split amongst the tied 3<sup>rd</sup>

place prize winners. Providing that the number of entries meets the minimum requirement of 12, 2nd place will receive \$250 and 3rd place will receive \$100.

**8. Selection and Notification of Winner:** The Winners will be selected by a community vote online under the supervision of HIA. **Voting will begin January 24th and finish on January 28th at midnight (CST).** The community will be allowed 1 free vote per day. There will be an opportunity to boost votes as described on the Talent Competition website: <https://herseyband.com/good-taste-herseys-got-talent-competition>. HIA will notify the Winner(s) by email or phone by February 11, 2023. Winners must comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. IF THE WINNER VIOLATES ANY OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES, THE WINNER (AT THE Organizer's SOLE DISCRETION) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, AND ALL PRIVILEGES AS WINNER WILL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED.

**9. Photo & Video Release:** By submitting an entry (e.g., text, video, photo, etc.) into this Contest, You understand and agree that HIA, shall, where permitted by law, have the right to print, publish, broadcast, distribute and use in any media without limitation, your submission, name, photo, portrait, voice, likeness, image, and any statements about the Hersey's Got Talent Competition for news, publicity, advertising, promotional purposes, trade, information, and public relations without any further notice, review, consent, compensation, or remuneration.

**10. Copyrights and Permission:** To avoid violating copyright law, entrants are strongly encouraged to use either an original song or royalty-free licensed music (e.g., music purchased or downloaded for free from a stock music website). Contestants are responsible for securing all necessary rights, consents, and/or permissions from any other people who appear in the video entry.

**11. Terms & Conditions:** HIA reserves the right to modify, suspend, cancel, or terminate the Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest should non-authorized human intervention, a bug or virus, fraud, or other causes beyond the Sponsor's control, impact or corrupt the security, fairness, proper conduct, or administration of the Contest. HIA, in the event of any of the above issues, may determine the Winner based on all eligible entries received prior to and/or after (if appropriate). Individuals who tamper with or attempt to tamper with the operation or entry process of the Contest or website or violate these Terms & Conditions will be disqualified by HIA at its sole discretion. HIA has the right to maintain the integrity of the Hersey Instrumental Associations' Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest, to void votes for any reason.

**12. Limitation of Liability:** Your entry into this Contest constitutes Your agreement to release and hold harmless HIA and its representatives, affiliates, partners, agents, directors, and officers against and from any and all claims, liability, illness, injury, death, litigation, loss, or damages that may occur, directly or indirectly from participation in the Contest and/or 1) any type of technical failure; 2) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions, phone, or Internet service; 3) unauthorized intervention in any part of the entry process 4) electronic error or human error in the Contest administration or the processing of entries.

13. **Governing Law:** THIS Hersey Instrumental Association Hersey's Got Talent Competition Video Contest is governed by Illinois law and will be litigated in the federal or state courts of Cook County, Illinois.

14. **Social Media:** The Contest hosted by the Hersey Instrumental Association is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, or TikTok.