

# FAIR STAGE SHOWDOWN

July 16th at 8pm

## FAIR STAGE SHOWDOWN — OFFICIAL RULES & JUDGING FORMAT

### Event Overview

Fair Stage Showdown is a live music competition for solo performers, duos, and bands of all ages and all genres at the Van Buren County Fair. Performers will take the grandstand stage in front of a live audience, with 1<sup>st</sup> place receiving \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receiving \$150 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place receiving \$50.

### Performance Rules

#### Content Guidelines

- No profanity, inappropriate lyrics, or offensive content will be allowed.
- Performers who violate this rule may be disqualified.

#### Set-Up & Performance Time

- Each act will be allotted up to 10 minutes for set-up.
- Each act will have a maximum total time of 20 minutes, including set-up, performance, and exit.

#### Order of Performance

- Performance order will be determined by the Fair Stage Showdown committee.
- Performers must be present and ready when their name is called.

### Judges

A panel of Four local judges will evaluate each performance.

### Scoring Criteria (100 points total)

Each act will be scored on the following:

- Musical or Performance Ability (40 points)
  - Skill, technique, and overall quality of performance
- Stage Presence (30 points)
  - Confidence, energy, and connection with the audience
- Audience Engagement (20 points)
  - Crowd reaction, applause, and overall impact
- Originality (10 points)
  - Creativity, uniqueness, and style of performance

### Registration

Performers must sign up in advance by registering at [vanburencountyfairia.com](http://vanburencountyfairia.com)

If you have any questions, call **641-919-0566**

**Deadline to register: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

# FAIR STAGE SHOWDOWN — REGISTRATION

July 16 at 8:00 PM

Sign up by July 1, 2026

For Questions Call: 641-919-0566

## Performer Info

Act Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Act (check one)

Solo    Duo    Band    Talent Act

Genre/Style: \_\_\_\_\_

## Performance Details

Song(s) or performance planned: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description about yourself or your team: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated performance length (minutes): \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the Fair Stage Showdown rules, including:

- Up to 10 minutes for set-up
- Maximum total time of 20 minutes
- No profanity or offensive content
- Be ready when called to perform

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_