

CNMI Got Talent 2023

Participant Information

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2023 CNMI Got Talent competition (the “**Competition**”). Please review this document carefully. If you want to participate in the Competition, you must sign the last page to indicate that you agree to comply with everything stated in this document.

The Competition will begin with a video audition that is open to everyone. At the end of the audition period, Bridge will choose ten contestants who will participate in the Competition. The Competition is a live event and will be held at the Kensington Hall, Kensington Hotel Saipan on **December 16, 2023**.

Auditions.

Every individual or group that would like to participate in the Competition must submit a complete application Bridge Capital, LLC (“**Bridge**”) on or before 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, November 17, 2023**.

A complete application consists of the following:

- A video recording of the audition performance; and
- One complete copy of the applicable CNMI Got Talent Application Form.
- One copy of this document signed by everyone who is participating in the performance (for example, if there are eight people involved in an audition, a complete application must include eight signed copies of this document).

Please submit completed applications to events@bccnmi.com, in person at the Bridge Capital Building, Micro Beach Road, Saipan, or through the CNMI Got Talent website at www.cnmigottalent.com.

Every individual must register in his or her own legal name. Individuals intending to participate in a solo act and a group performance must file a separate application for each performance.

All auditions must be Christmas-themed. Non-Christmas themed auditions will be automatically disqualified.

Selection of Contestants.

Bridge will invite individuals and groups who submitted completed applications (“**Contestants**”) to participate in the Competition on or before **Monday, November 27**,

2023. Bridge will notify Contestants by email or telephone using the contact information provided with the application.

Bridge will only notify Contestants that are invited to perform in the Competition. Bridge will not notify any person or group that was not selected.

Acceptance of Selection as a Contestant.

A Contestant must notify Bridge that that Contestant will participate in the Competition by emailing events@bccnmi.com or by calling Bridge at (670) 322-2222. The deadline to notify Bridge is **Wednesday, November 29, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m.

Any Contestant who does not timely notify Bridge will forfeit that Contestant's opportunity to participate in the Competition.

Rehearsals.

Rehearsal is an important part of the Competition. Although rehearsals are not mandatory, Bridge strongly encourages all Contestants to attend rehearsals. This will help event organizers to work through any technical issues prior to the Competition.

Currently, there is a single pre-event rehearsal set for **Friday, December 15, 2023** from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Contestants should prepare all recordings, instruments, costumes, sets, props, and other equipment in advance and should treat each rehearsal as though it is the Competition.

The Competition.

The Competition will be held on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kensington Hall, Kensington Hotel. Contestants should check in with event organizers between 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Each Contestant may designate one non-participating individual to assist that Contestant with preparing to perform. This individual must be registered with event organizers. Only Contestants and registered assistants will be allowed backstage or in other areas designated for Contestants.

Event organizers will determine the order of the performance. All decisions made by event organizers in this regard are final. Contestants must be ready to perform when directed to do so by event organizers.

Judging.

The designated judges will evaluate each performance. After all performances have occurred, event organizers will determine the winners of the Competition based on the scores awarded by the judges. All Contestants must remain in the areas designated for Contestants until after the winners are announced. All decisions by the judges and event organizers are final.

Contestants are not permitted to speak with the judges until after all of the Competition winners have been announced.

Winners and Prizes.

Winners will be announced in the order determined by event organizers.

Below is a list of the prizes available to Contestants:

Adults, 17 and above		Special Prizes	Most Christmas	
Grand Prize	\$2,000	\$1,500		
First Runner Up	\$1,500	Governor's Choice	Award	\$1,050
Second Runner Up	\$1,000	Best in Rota		\$1,000
		Best in Tinian		\$1,000
Children, 16 and under				
Grand Prize	\$2,000			
First Runner Up	\$1,500			
Second Runner Up	\$1,000			

Bridge may alter the prizes for any reason or no reason at all, and without notice to anyone.

All minors who enter the Competition must identify a parent or other legal guardian on their entry form who will receive the prize on behalf of that minor.

A winning Contestant must provide a completed CNMI Form W-9 to Bridge. Bridge will not pay a prize to any winning Contestant who does not submit a completed CNMI Form W-9. Bridge will not withhold any taxes from a prize. Winning Contestants are solely responsible for paying all applicable taxes.

Competition Guidelines.

All participants must comply with the guidelines stated below at every stage of the Competition.

1. The Competition is open to participants of every age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious persuasion.
2. The Competition is open to talents of every kind, including singers, dancers, musicians, magicians, etc.
3. All entries must be Christmas-themed.
4. Performances may include live music, soundtracks, costumes, props, and other artistic elements.
5. Parents of all persons who are minors at the time an application is submitted must provide a special minor's consent and release form. Minors must be accompanied to the Competition by the person who signed the minor consent and release form.
6. Event organizers may halt any performance for safety reasons.
7. Employees of Bridge Capital, LLC, or its affiliates, and their parents, children, siblings, spouses, and romantic partners, grandparents, and grandchildren are not eligible to participate in the Competition.
8. Grand Prize Winners of all past CNMI Got Talent competitions are **not eligible** to participate in the Competition. All other winners are eligible.
9. Participants must obtain permission to use any intellectual property included in their performance, including music performance rights. Participants who publicly perform copyrighted works must pay all royalties and comply with any other legal obligations associated with use of that intellectual property.
10. Participants must truthfully fill out all required forms.

Grounds for Disqualification.

Event organizers may disqualify any participant at any time and for any reason, without prior notice. All such disqualifications are final. Among other things, event organizers may disqualify participants who:

1. Do not follow one or more of the rules stated in this document.
2. Lie to or materially mislead event organizers.

3. Violate one or more Commonwealth or United States laws or encourage or knowingly permit anyone to violate one or more Commonwealth or United States laws during the Competition.
4. Use weapons, hazardous substances, or open flames during any performance.
5. Use or possess illegal substances, fight, engage in physical or verbal abuse, smoke, vape, or chew betel nut in connection with any performance.
6. Interfere with, distract, defame, insult, threaten, invade the privacy of, or otherwise harm any person, including performers, performer's assistants, technical crew members, judges, or audience members.
7. Intentionally or recklessly damage any instrument, equipment, props, sets or any part of the Competition venue.
8. Wear any clothing that is deemed offensive or inappropriate by event organizers.
9. Engage in any behavior that could be reasonably considered abusive, defamatory, libelous, indecent, obscene, offensive, or threatening.
10. Use copyrighted or trademarked materials without permission when such permission is required by law.
11. Refuse to accept the final decision of the judges or event organizers, including arguing with, intimidating, harassing, or otherwise showing disrespect to the judges or event organizers.

Intellectual Property Rights.

This event will be professionally photographed and videotaped by Bridge. Your signature at the bottom of this document constitutes your consent to the recording and use by Bridge of your performance, appearance, name, voice, singing voice, likeness, and any musical or sound effects produced by you regardless of whether you are aware that you are being recorded. All such recordings, including any edits or modifications to those recordings, will be for the exclusive use of Bridge in connection with any television program, motion picture, wireless or mobile device, or the internet, for any purposes, including advertising, marketing, promotion, merchandising, and exploitation of ancillary and subsidiary rights, in all media now or later created, forever, and for no compensation. Bridge may assign these rights to someone else, in its sole discretion.

If you do not want to be photographed or recorded or to give up any of the intellectual property rights stated in the preceding paragraph, do not participate in the Competition, and do not sign at the bottom of this document.

Liability Waivers.

By submitting a completed application to Bridge, you waive all claims against Bridge and its owners, employees, agents, affiliates, and subsidiaries arising out of:

1. Your failure or inability to participate in the Competition for any reason.
2. Any injuries, losses, or damages that occur because you were involved or affiliated with the Competition, including any injuries, losses, or damages that occurred because you were disqualified from the Competition.
3. Any printing, typographical, or technological errors affecting any aspect of the Competition.
4. Any medical conditions caused or aggravated by your participation in the Competition.
5. Any loss of personal property that you sustain because you attended or participated in the Competition; or
6. Any claim of invasion of privacy or defamation arising out of the Competition.

General Prohibitions.

By signing the form below, you agree not to:

1. Reproduce, duplicate, copy, sell, resell, distribute by any means, or exploit for any commercial purpose, any part of the Competition; or
2. Make, keep, share, or distribute unauthorized recordings of the Competition.

General Provisions.

Please direct all inquiries to: events@bccnmi.com, or submit inquiries in writing to Bridge Capital, PMB 29 Box 10001, Micro Beach Road, Saipan MP 96950. Bridge will respond to inquiries as time permits.

Everything in this document is subject to change without notice, at Bridge's sole discretion. Everything in this document is subject to the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Acknowledgement and Signature.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing document in its entirety. I further acknowledge that my participation in the Competition is voluntary and is conditioned upon my acceptance of everything in this document, without exception. I further acknowledge that my failure to follow the requirements stated in this document

may cause me to be disqualified from the Competition and may cause Bridge to prohibit me from participating in future Bridge-sponsored events.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____ **Age:** _____