

2016 HFL CONFERENCE

September 30 - October 2, 2016 @ La Guardia Plaza Hotel – 104-04 Ditmars Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY

BROADWAY SHOWTOPPERS: “A HEART RICH IN MERCY”

OBJECTIVES:

1. To give honor and praise to God through the sharing of time, talent and treasure.
2. To further promote the theme, Rich in Mercy, utilizing unity, creativity and fun through performing arts.

OVERVIEW

Broadway Theater is one of the most popular tourist attractions in New York City. On Saturday evening of October 1st, Broadway Theater will be brought to the 2016 HFL Conference through the performances of each Area, or a collaboration of Areas.

GUIDELINES:

1. **Format:** Broadway theater-styled performance.
2. **Theme:** The over-all theme is “A Heart Rich in Mercy”. Each State may focus on any of the **CHARACTERISTICS OF MERCY**, examples include: (a) Mercy means being patient with people’s quirks, (b) Mercy means helping anyone around you who is hurting, (c) Mercy means giving people a second chance, (d) Mercy means doing good to those who hurt you, (e) Mercy means being kind to those who offend you, (f) Mercy means building bridges of love to the unpopular, (g) Mercy means valuing relationships over rules
3. **Participants:** Each group may have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of twenty (20) performers from one (1) or a combination of up to three (3) States.
4. **Script and Song Selection:** Participants have the freedom to create and choose their performance materials, i.e., script and songs, as long as the message does not explicitly or implicitly convey values opposed to Christian values. The Broadway Showstopper organizers reserve the right to request changes to song selection in order to screen from performance duplications and/or content opposed to Christian values.
5. **Choreography:** Participants have the freedom to choreograph as they wish, as long as their actions do not explicitly or implicitly convey values opposed to Christian values.
6. **Time limit:** Each performance will have a maximum of Seven (7) minutes.

RICH IN MERCY

“But God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us.” (Ephesians 2:4)

7. **Registration:** All participants should register their participation on or before **August 31, 2016** by submitting the following information by electronic mail to Tuesday Coronel tuesdaycoronel@yahoo.com:
 - a. Participating Area(s) (maximum of 3 areas, if collaborating).
 - b. Showstopper Representative. Each entry should have one (1) representative. Please submit the name, telephone number and email address for coordination purposes.
 - c. Song selection(s) with a copy of lyrics.
 - d. Estimated number of participants.
 - e. Estimated time (Maximum of seven (7) minutes).
 - f. Technical requirements:
 - i. If live instrumentation, list instrument plug in request(s)
 - ii. Microphone request (may be limited to what is available in the conference)
 - iii. If pre-recorded music, please provide USB drive
 - iv. If using electronic backdrop, please provide USB drive
 - v. Please provide one (1) person-in-charge to coordinate with technician.

8. **Costume and Props:** Participants are highly encouraged to give their best in their presentation, not just in their performance but in the use of costumes and props. These do not have to be expensive but should be creative.

9. **Award:** Showstopper of the Night (Judging Criteria)
 - i. Performance (musicality and choreography) 25%
 - ii. Visual appeal (costume and props) 25%
 - iii. Relevance to the Theme 25%
 - iv. Over-all Impact 25%

10. **Contact:** For more information, please contact Tuesday Coronel (347) 475-4850 or tuesdaycoronel@yahoo.com.