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Impress These Apes!

Thanks so much for your interest in Impress These Apes! Here's a little information about the show, and how it works.

Impress These Apes is an 8-week talent competition. We'll be casting 8 contestants who will be competing in different talent challenges every week of the show. One week you might be asked to create a short comedic film. Another week you might be asked to choreograph a dance. Each week your performance will be judged by three hyper-intelligent apes from the future. At the end of the 8-week run, the contestant with the most points will receive our grand prize of \$500 and a grab-bag of groovy prizes. The cash prizes are as follows:

1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$250, 3rd place - \$150, 4th place - \$100

5th – 8th place - \$50

Impress These Apes is a grueling competition! You'll be creating a brand new talent performance for each of the 8-weeks. Some will use talents you excel in, and some will use talents you don't! We need to make sure our 8 contestants are ready and willing to be at EVERY SINGLE SHOW with a show-ready performance. We do provide support throughout the week by way of a contestant liaison who will make sure that your tech requirements are met for each show. They will also be checking in with all contestants throughout the week to make sure your performance will be ready on time.

In exchange for all of your hard work, we offer you the opportunity to perform weekly in front of a large and enthusiastic audience in a fantastic venue. The Lakeshore Theater seats 300 people, and we plan on filling it up more times than not. Our partnership with The Lakeshore Theater affords us a large marketing budget. Our 8 contestants will receive loads of exposure. We go out of our way to make the contestants the true rock stars of this show. At the end of the run, you'll have 8 original performance pieces that you can add to your portfolio. Your pieces will all be posted as online videos on our web site, so you can share the show with friends and family that are out of town.

Impress These Apes will run at The Lakeshore Theater every Monday night between 9/22 and 11/10. Shows are at 8pm. From these applications, we will be inviting 16 finalists to a special callback audition. From that callback, we'll be selecting the 8 contestants who will compete for our grand prize.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15th!!!

Email info@blewt.com with any questions.

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IMPRESS THESE APES APPLICATION

Please complete this application and send the following items to:

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- 1) A completed Impress These Apes General Information worksheet.
- 2) A completed Impress These Apes Skill Assessment worksheet.
- 3) A 5-minute DVD where you:
 - a. Tell us why you should be a contestant on Impress These Apes! Be creative! Be bold! Tell us why you've got what it takes to win this intense competition.
 - b. Demonstrate the talent of your choice. This can be absolutely anything. It can be serious, funny, exciting, boring... it can be something you're great at, or something you stink at. We just want to see you try!
- 4) A headshot.
- 5) A resume.
- 6) This sheet of paper, with a drawing of an ape below:

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GENERAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET

Name _____

Email address _____

Phone # _____

Mailing address _____

What are you the best at?

What are you the worst at?

Place an **X** through any dates you are **NOT** available to perform:

9/22 – 9/29 – 10/6 – 10/13 – 10/20 – 10/27 – 11/3 – 11/10

Are you capable and willing to produce a brand new performance piece every single week for the entirety of an 8-week run?

YES – NO

Can you handle harsh criticism of your work handed out by self-assured hyper-intelligent apes from the future?

YES – NO

Date _____ Signature _____

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SKILL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

To be a contestant in Impress These Apes, it is not necessary to be an expert at all of these talents. More so, we're looking for contestants whose effort and flair for performance are apparent even when they're doing something they're not very good at. That said, please rate yourself on the following talents by checking the appropriate box:

Talent	I suck!	I'm OK.	I rock!
Singing			
Writing a song			
Cooking			
Fishing			
Spelling			
Choreographing a dance			
Performing a magic show			
Martial arts			
Gymnastics			
Lifting weights			
Writing a short story			
Creating a short film			
Creating a music video			
Podcasting			
Shoveling snow			
Tying a double-windsor knot			
Speed eating			
Pantomime			
Stand-up comedy			
Acting			
Improvisation			
Playing a musical instrument			
Composing a score			
Dancing			
Playing video games			
Freestyle rapping			
Alphabetizing files			
Swimming			
Singing harmony			
Trivia			
Crossword puzzles			
Arts & Crafts			
Using a puppet			
Entertaining a crowd			

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Thanks so much for completing the Impress These Apes application! If you have any questions about the show, or our audition process, please toss an email to info@blewt.com.

We're working very hard to make this iteration of Impress These Apes the best yet! Our first priority is making this a great experience for our contestants, and packing the house full of people every single week to help cheer them on.

We appreciate the work you've already put into your application! We will be contacting our finalists and sending out callback invitations in early July.

Good luck,

The Folks at Blewt! Productions