

El Morro's Got Talent

Tips for Preparing your ACT

"Every good act should have a beginning, middle, and end"

- This is a great tip to remember if you get stuck coming up with choreography ideas, or how to start your comedy or magic act, etc. Try turning it into a story with each performer playing a specific part. Get creative and think of a way to grab the audience's attention, especially right at the beginning.

"The way you rehearse, is the way you perform"

- If you practice only doing it half way, your body won't remember how to do it all the way, "full out," when it comes time to actually perform. It's ok to save your energy as you are learning your act. But try to practice it with full energy as much as possible before the audition/show.

"If you are having fun, the audience is having fun"

- A great way to know if you have a good act is to make sure you have fun doing it. So don't forget to smile and have fun!

"Consider your overall presentation"

- Besides getting all your notes, tricks, and moves right, remember the "show" aspect. Get creative and have fun choosing your costumes/wardrobe for your performance as well as any props that might heighten your act.

"Show us your eyes"

- Especially if you are singing or dancing, keep your head up.
- If you are playing an instrument or doing something where you can't look at the audience, make sure to show us your eyes and smile when taking your bow.

Some questions to consider

- Who is my audience? Is my act something that could benefit from involving them or doing something that they would recognize and make them laugh or make them smile?
- Is my act missing a little something? Try adding a prop or two. Or a fun costume.
- Why am I feeling overwhelmed? Try simplifying what you're doing.
- Why do I keep messing up? Try slowing down to practice and gradually speed back up until you get it.
 - Another solution to this is to stop and take a break or get a snack.
- Am I having fun?
 - This should be fun! If it doesn't feel fun anymore, take a break and come back to it.
 - If you're still not sure, maybe consider saving it for next year?