



## Fact Sheet: “Oconomowoc’s Got Talent!” Fundraiser to Benefit Performing Arts Center Enhancement (PACE) Campaign

**Who:** Any person of any age, who has dreamed of performing their favorite (traditional or unusual) talent, is invited to audition for “Oconomowoc’s Got Talent,” sponsored by the Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (OPEF) to benefit its Performing Arts Center Enhancement (PACE) fund.

**Participants will be reviewed by a selection panel** including Vic Passante, former Oconomowoc High School (OHS) theatre director; Betsy Freeman, former school board member and community creative; and Tom Klubertanz, current OHS theatre director.

**What: “Oconomowoc’s Got Talent”** – an area-wide, all-ages talent show celebrating the sense of belonging and excitement that comes from people sharing their unique abilities with their friends, family and Lake Country neighbors. All talents and generations will be represented in two different performances at the end of June, with performers selected by audition.

**Auditions are open to all ages and talents and are required for participation.**

- Auditions are first-come, first-served, with acts limited to five minutes
- To support the PACE fund, a \$5 per person donation is requested at the audition
- Microphones, stage and a standard drum set provided
- Performers should bring all props, music and instruments required to properly present their acts.

**When: Auditions** will be held Sunday, May 2, from 1-6 p.m. and Monday, May 3, from 5-9 p.m. at the Oconomowoc Arts Center. Former area residents now living out of town may submit video auditions – see [www.opef.info](http://www.opef.info) for information.

**Performances** are planned for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27. Tickets go on sale May 17 at locations to be announced.

**Selected performers** are asked to attend a dress rehearsal Friday evening, June 25.

**Where:** All auditions and performances will be held at the Oconomowoc Arts Center, Oconomowoc High School, 641 E. Forest Street, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

**Why:** The event is a fundraiser for the Performing Arts Center Enhancement (PACE) Fund, created to collect on OPEF’s pre-construction commitment to fund \$500,000 in Oconomowoc Arts Center enhancements that take it beyond a standard high school auditorium to a first-class regional performance venue. More than \$300,000 remains due to cover enhancements including the polished wood acoustical concert shell, the orchestra pit and cover that expand the stage, seating upgrades and wireless microphones. OPEF is a charitable foundation created in 2007 to support the Oconomowoc Area School District by funding innovative educational opportunities.

**How:** Ticket revenue, participation donations, seat dedications, silent auction, raffle, playbill advertising, commemorative photographs and videos all will contribute additional funds.

**Sponsors and volunteers are needed** – please visit [www.opec.info](http://www.opec.info) for details and contacts.

**Contact: If you can volunteer, sponsor or purchase advertising, call Dave Reul, 262-443-0230**