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# **Special Talents America**

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# Special Talents America Competition Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center - Naperville November 5, 2012

Monday, November 5, 2012 Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center

## 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Special Talents America contestant rehearsal

#### 3:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Contestants will all receive hair and make-up services, donated by Salon Hype and Mario Tricoci stylists.

## 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres reception - 5:45 p.m.

# 7:00 p.m.

Talent competition featuring special performers

## 9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Mini-concert featuring world renowned entertainers Jim Peterik, Fergie Frederiksen, and Lisa McClowry

#### 10:00 p.m.

Post-show meet and greet with all of the performers

### **Background:**

# Special Talents America

Special Talents America reached for the stars – talented children and adults who love to perform and who happen to have disabilities – and those stars will be shining at Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center in Naperville, Illinois, on November 5. Participating in a four-state talent competition, these inspiring performers will be joined by celebrity guests during the event. Grammy award-winner <a href="Jim Peterik">Jim Peterik</a>, co-founder of Survivor and The Ides of March, and <a href="Lisa McClowry">Lisa McClowry</a>, International Vocalist of the Year nominee, are both involved in the planning and judging of the event. McClowry will also emcee the program and sing "Got to Share This Feeling" and "When It Comes from the Heart" during the competition. As an extraordinary bonus, three celebrity guests – McClowry, Peterik, and <a href="Fergie Frederiksen">Fergie Frederiksen</a> of Toto and Trillion fame – will thrill the audience with a post-competition mini-concert. Frederiksen will perform "Follow Your Heart" and "Rosanna." McClowry will charm everyone with two of her recordings, "Brand New Hallelujah" and

"Come Dancing." And Peterik will bring down the house with "The Search Is Over" and "Eye of the Tiger." For the first time ever, "Eye of the Tiger" has been arranged for symphony, and the Chicago Sinfonietta will accompany the Grammy-award-winning singer/songwriter.

#### Where:

Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center on the campus of North Central College 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville Illinois

For more information: Please visit <u>www.specialtalents.org</u>

#### Photo information:

Grammy-Award winning musician Jim Peterik and Fergie Frederiksen of Toto and Trillion fame worked with band members and Special Talents America committee members yesterday in a pre-event jam session in preparation for the Special Talents America event tonight. Jim also performed "Eye of the Tiger" with his recently purchased purple guitar.





