

# Stars of Tomorrow

Applicants are invited to arrive at Riverbender.com Community Center, 220 W. 3rd Street, in Alton at 8am on Saturday, July 17th. Each applicant will be given a number (first come, first served) and a registration/release form.

Registration fee is \$5 but all applicants will receive a \$5 coupon for any production at Alton Little Theater during the 77th Season. Refreshments and tours of the new Community Center will be available to all applicants and their family members from 9am-5pm on that day.

Each applicant will be escorted to the RBCC Theater for their audition; each applicant may bring one supportive friend/ family member with them. A panel of 3-5 judges will briefly interview the applicant and listen to a 2-4 minute performance. Applicants may bring a CD with them or accompaniment. A keyboard will be available for use. The theater is small and has excellent sound and should be a quiet space away from the noise of the upper levels of the Center.

All applicants will be rated on a numerical scale, emphasizing things like "musicality", "vocal quality", "musical interpretation", performance quality" etc. The TOP 20 applicants will be invited to participate in the "Stars of Tomorrow" Competition at the Alton Little Theater Showplace, 2450 N. Henry St., Alton, on Saturday, July 24th and Saturday, July 31st. The Top Twenty will be notified by 5pm on Monday, July 19th and will be asked to attend a meeting and rehearsal on Friday, July 23rd from 6-10pm.

The Top Twenty will be asked to participate in Feature articles and interviews in The Telegraph and Riverbender.com. Audience members on July 24th will then help to select the Top Ten Finalists who will compete on July 31st for \$500 in Cash, an image make-over session, professional pictures and DVD, and work with a publicist on other performance opportunities in the Riverbend area. The winner will be announced on July 31st before a live audience. 225 seats will be available for the semi-finals and finals and tickets are just \$10 and will be available at the ALT Box office and at WBGZ Radio. A few other helpful hints:

\*Applicants may use a "place-holder" for periods of time if the audition line becomes long; up to twenty "alternates" will be assigned in case applicants leave and don't return. A potential of 100 applicants will be auditioned to obtain the Top Twenty picks.

\* Applicants may use different musical selections for auditions and a piano and keyboard and accompaniment and microphones will be available at Alton Little Theater for the competition. A sound system will also be available for taped music. Rehearsal and feedback from the judges will be most helpful to all finalists.

\* On the day of auditions, Riverbender.com will give updates on audition response and keep interested applicants apprised of the timing of auditions.

\* All applicants may bring a resume but it is not a requirement. Photographs will be taken and applicants will be asked to sign a release and write a brief autobiography about their musical interests.

\* More specifics about the "Stars of Tomorrow" competition will be added to the ALT Website and Riverbender.com July 1st.