



2026 EVENT INFORMATION

Who we are: Superheroes of Autism Niagara was founded in 2014 by Jenn Wodynski, mother of an autistic child. While watching her son and his friends sing, play guitar, and have other amazing talents, Jenn sought to create a day that celebrates their many talents and abilities. A day of inclusion that shows the world who they really are, that their disability doesn't define them, Jenn created the Talent Showcase as a way to shine the spotlight on the incredible pool of talented individuals we have in Niagara. To help advocate and create a day just for them free of judgement, bullying, staring eyes and whispers.

What is the event:

This is day of inclusion for persons of all abilities and ages to showcase their talents in a safe, family friendly environment. The event is free to participant, free to attend and every effort is made to make the participants feel like rock stars!..Not only do participants get their moment to perform or display their art but they will also receive red carpet treatment with a photo shoot and a special thank you gift for sharing their gifts with us!

Criteria: Participants must belong to the special needs community and submit a short video of their performance or photos of their artwork or crafts. We would love to be able to showcase everyone but space and time dictate a limited number of participants.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 3, 2026, 12:00pm-4:00pm

The Venue: Heartland Forest, 8215 Heartland Forest Rd., Niagara Falls

Facilities: Wheelchair accessible, washrooms available inside.

Layout: The event is held indoor/outdoor and tents will be provided for artists and guests.

What's Provided: We will provide tents, tables, chairs, art easels and sound equipment.

Set Up and Tear Down: All artists and artisans can begin setting up as early as 10am. Check in upon arrival. Those who are performing are required to check in 45 mins before their time slot. There will be a 10 minute interval between acts on stage.

Notice of Acceptance: Those selected to participate will be contacted by email.

Special Requests: If there are any special requirements needed or anything we need to be aware of in regards to the nature of their abilities, such as sensory, silent clapping etc



2026 PARTICIPATION FORM

Participant's Name _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18) _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

City _____

Your Talent is:

☐ Musician ☐ Singer ☐ Comedian ☐ Artist ☐ Crafter ☐ Dancer ☐ Actor ☐ Magician
☐ Other _____

Tell us a bit about yourself, your talent etc _____

Any special requirements? (ie Sensory issues, assistance etc) _____

I prefer to bring my own equipment/tent/art easels etc. ☐ Yes ☐ No (you will be contacted to discuss your requirements)

How did you hear about us? _____

Interested in volunteering? ☐ Yes --you will be contacted to discuss opportunities

FORM DUE BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Please return completed form to: superheroesofautism@gmail.com



PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TERMS

Superheroes of Autism Niagara will do the upmost to respect the needs and privacy of the participants (aka the talent) at all times to ensure an enjoyable time while providing a safe, inclusive space in which to perform or display their talent. Participants are welcome to offer for sale their merchandise in whatever form ie: Cd's t-shirts, artwork or hand crafted creations but the collection of monies and taxes remain the responsibility of the talent. Talent that is not performance based has the option to bring their own tent, table and chairs or other equipment to set up and display their work. Please indicate if you intend to be bring your own otherwise you will be contacted to discuss your needs.

LIABILITY WAIVER

This agreement is subject to acceptance by the Superheroes of Autism Talent Showcase team. We reserve the right to cancel this agreement at anytime. The participants agree to be bound by all policies, rules and regulations made by the Superheroes of Autism Talent Showcase. Superheroes of Autism Niagara, Heartland Forest will not be liable for losses due to injury, fire, flood, theft or acts of God or anything beyond the control of the event, employees, volunteers or representatives.

The event will be held outdoors/indoors and in the event of inclement weather, the show will go on so talent is encouraged to prepare accordingly. The talent accepts all risk associated with the use of space and environment. The talent shall not make any claim or demand or take any legal action against the organizers or the volunteers or sponsors, due to any loss, damage or injury however caused during the Superheroes of Autism Talent Showcase.

MEDIA .CONSENT AND RELEASE

The talent also agrees that Superheroes of Autism Niagara may use photos or video taken while at the event, performing, or vending for promotional purposes for this event or future events. This is not limited to but may include, use on website, social media, print (ie: newspapers, flyers, posters, radio, and other forms of promotion.

☐ ***I agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.***

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

If under 18, Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Talent Buddy _____

(person who will be attending with and aid talent through check in, set up and performance if required)

Talent Buddy Signature _____ Date _____