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SYNOPSIS

The Mystic Falls Talent Show is only days away. Talent contestants are traveling from around the world to compete in this awe-inspiring competition. Among many other prizes, the winner earns a spot as a contestant on the hit show *World Talent Search*. Dr. Black, the contest organizer, has endured mayhem recently. A

mischievous soul is trying to sabotage the show! Announcements have been removed from message boards, the show's website and social media accounts have been hacked, and the local newspaper published an article that the contest had been canceled! Someone doesn't want the show to go on!

You're a contestant and have been working on your talent routine all year. You hope they catch the saboteur! This is where your story begins.

Host Character List

8-16 players, all gender flexible. 8 required, 8 optional.

There is a note of what each character did with their talent routine last year – but this is only a suggestion for this year – the players can choose whatever routine they wish.

NAME	BRIEF BIO	LAST YEAR	SUGGESTED ATTIRE
MAX MOREAU ACTOR <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	Max Moreau is an aspiring actor from the town of Mystic Falls. A familiar face on the stage at the local playhouse, Max is also a nonstop gossip. This performer is a slow eater with an irrational fear of table salt and must consume food in alphabetical order.	Came in 3 rd place by reciting a dramatic version of Green Eggs & Ham by Dr. Seuss.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear a Dr. Seuss-inspired costume.
NOBEL UMBRIDGE TALENT AGENT <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	Nobel Umbridge would debate anyone about anything – even experts in their fields. With an irrational fear of germs, this talent agent holds their breath after anyone coughs or sneezes. Nobel bores easily, and this sometimes causes this scout to find trouble.	Did not place last year with the recreation of the dance in the Napoleon Dynamite movie.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear a Napoleon Dynamite costume.
EDEN (RIMSON FITNESS GURU <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	Eden Crimson is a fitness guru who is obsessed with reality television. Eden prefers a messy environment and believes things that are too clean are unhealthy. An energetic yoga instructor, Eden must tap on surfaces to spend excess energy.	Did not place last year with a fitness workout routine to hip- hop music.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear '80s style workout attire.
NOX NOCTURNE ICECREAM TRUCK DRIVER REQUIRED PLAYER	Nox Nocturne drives an ice cream truck in the town of Mystic Falls. Nox gets up with the sun to wash the truck, as things can't be clean enough for this entrepreneur. Nox doesn't sleep much, as s/he's also a night owl and prefers the soft light of a candle.	Won last year's talent contest with a standup comedy routine.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear an ice- cream-inspired costume.
FINN FROST AUTHOR <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	Finn Frost has an irrational fear of cracks in things, such as the sidewalk. With an active mind, this author constantly doodles and scribbles mindlessly. With a bit of a Gothic style, Finn is always seen wearing black and has a pet raven.	Received one of the five gold stars mentions last year by reciting a passage from a murder mystery novel.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear gothic/poet attire.

HENLEY HEXX ZOOLOGIST <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	Henley Hexx always glances upward during conversations as if reading from a teleprompter in the ceiling. Colorblind, Henley often wears mismatched clothing. Henley's the head zookeeper at the Mystic Falls Zoo and regurgitates movie quotes on command. This animal caretaker has great	Did not place last year by bringing in five animals and talking about them.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear a safari/adventurer costume – don't match your clothes/shoes, as you are colorblind.
NORTH BLITZ CHEF <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	difficulty making decisions. North Blitz is an executive chef who can only eat at the top of the hour. An environmentalist on a mission to save the Earth - North refuses to waste. Chef Blitz has a peculiar accent that changes and will not tell anyone where s/he grew up. North is obsessive and cannot have anything set on an odd number.	Did not place last year by preparing 1- minute guacamole – including a judge's tasting.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear a chef's uniform.
KIPLING ZORG GUITARIST <i>REQUIRED PLAYER</i>	Kipling Zorg is fixated on the smell of things and must sniff all items, including people. This guitarist stands on their head each morning to improve circulation. Kipling gets the hiccups when nervous, and laughs at everything – even if it's not funny.	Came in 2 nd place last year by performing Beethoven's 5 th Symphony via electric guitar.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear rock n' roll attire.
STASS SWEENEY DANCE INSTRUCTOR optional player	Stass is a classically-trained dancer who walks on tiptoes out of pure habit. This instructor cannot tolerate messy hair and will finger brush anyone's locks in disarray. Stass is emotional and cries at the smallest thing. Stass also pretends to be an expert on everything.	Came in 4 th place last year with a contemporary jazz routine to the song Memory (1981 from the musical Cats).	If you do the same routine as last year: wear a dance costume.
SAGE TEMPUS FASHION DESIGNER optional player	Sage Tempus is an up and coming fashion designer from Paris, France. Sage shakes out both legs before sitting and refuses to walk in the direction s/he just came from. Sage can't stand for the room to be silent. If faced with silence, Sage will recoil into a fetal position on the floor until noise returns.	Did not place last year with a routine of modeling clothes from their fashion line.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear an extremely trendy outfit.
BINX BUTTONS PILOT <i>optional player</i>	With adversity to warm liquids, Binx Buttons avoids hot showers, warm cocoa, and soups. A loud chewer, Captain Buttons is a commercial pilot for Budget Airlines. Binx refuses to use slang and will correct others if they use 'trash speech.'	Received one of the five gold stars mentions last year by giving a lecture on how to fly a plane.	If you do the same routine as last year: wear a pilot's uniform.

	A daydreamer who often zones out, Dree	Did not place	
DREE DEVILLE NURSE	Deville is a nurse who always wants a hug.	last year by demonstrating	If you do the same routine as last
NUNSE	Dree Deville works in the emergency room	on an orange	year: wear a
optional player	at the Mystic Falls General Hospital. Dree's	how to give	nurse's costume.
	a caring soul with many close friends.	stitches.	
	They say talking to oneself is a sign of intelligence, but Olly Omega has full	Did not place	
OLLY OMEGA	conversations. This nanny must be a genius!	last year with a	If you do the same
NANNY	Olly defends that s/he is only saying things	performance of	routine as last year: wear a Little
	aloud to remember them, as a nanny's job	Hard Knock Life from Little	Orphan Annie-
optional player	is detail-oriented with schedules. Olly bites	Orphan Annie.	inspired costume.
	fingernails obsessively when nervous.		
	Quinn Doom continuously smacks on a huge	Came in 5 th	if 1.4
QUINN DOOM	wad of bubblegum and refuses to share any	place last year with an acapella	If you do the same routine as last
RACECAR DRIVER	of the gum stash with friends. With a	performance of	year: wear a
optional playor	southern accent, Quinn is a risk taker who	Performed	racecar driver's
optional player	grunts constantly. Quinn is a professional stock car racer for Smirshy Motorsports.	Bohemian Rhapsody.	uniform.
	When not at work at the Food Barn, Reed		
	can be seen around town wearing bright		
REED MUDLARK	clothing and over-sized sunbonnets. With an	Did not place	If you do the same
FAST FOOD	outgoing personality, Reed always appears	last year with a performance of	routine as last
COOK	to be angry but claims to be in a great	a Shakespeare	year: wear a Shakespeare-
optional player	mood. Reed insists on avoiding mirrors and	monologue.	inspired costume.
	puts sheets over them each night before		
	bed.		
	A modern-day mad scientist, Salvy has a photographic memory, genius IQ, and only	Received one of	
SALVY VADER	eats green-colored candy. Salvy works for	the five gold	If you do the same
BIOLOGIST	Medline, Incorporated – a pharmaceutical	stars mentions	routine as last
	research company. Salvy performs as a	last year by performing a	year: wear a mim costume.
optional player	mime on Main Street every Saturday as a	mime routine.	cosionie.
	hobby.		

Host Instructions

Full instructions are included in the purchased game.

<u>GAME STRUCTURE</u>: the game is organized into rounds and is structured as follows:

OPTIONAL PRE-GAME STARTER: these optional pre-game tasks are to be delivered to each guest before the party, or give them to the guests as they arrive. All pre-game materials are optional. They are intended to enhance the build-up for the event. These tasks are not vital to solving the mystery. Also, encourage your guests to view the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game website to get them excited about your game (this is highly- encouraged). There is additional character information on this site, as well as costume suggestions and links to costumes for purchase from various costume companies.

ROUND ONE: Make announcement #1, and deliver the round one clue card envelopes as your guests arrive. It is optional to serve appetizers.

TALENT SHOW ACT ONE: the first half of the guests will perform 1-2 minute talent routines.

ROUND TWO: Make announcement #2, and deliver the round two clue card envelopes. It is optional to break for dinner either before or after this round.

SOLUTION ROUND THREE: Deliver the round three solutions. It is optional to serve coffee/hot cocoa and dessert.

TALENT SHOW ACT TWO: the second half of the guests will perform 1-2 minute talent routines.

Don't host a party without some type of food/beverage offering - hungry guests are not happy guests.

For further questions, check out our FAQ webpage at http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/ or our author's blog for more DIY and hosting help: http://mymysteryparty.com/mystery-blog/ If your question is still not addressed in the FAQ/blog or these instructions, contact us via email: support@mymysteryparty.com Responses are guaranteed within 24 hours.

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Example Timeline

6:00 PM: Guests arrive. Take guest photos and serve refreshments. Have the invited guest list available for the guests to view as they trickle into the party. Once everybody has arrived, snap a group photo!

6:10 PM: The host goes over the guest instructions for the mystery game. It is **optional** to have each character stand up and introduce themselves to the group. You can play the game trailer video for an introduction.

6:20 PM: The announcement #1 is made and the note from the saboteur is presented to the group. The round one clue cards are handed out, and the game begins. The mystery investigation sheets are handed out, and the guests discuss the clues on their clue cards. Motives will start to unfold during this round.

6:50 PM: Act One of the Talent Competition. Half of the guests will compete with 1-2 minute talent routines. (Adjust the time to how many players are in your game. If you need to skim time, put a 1 minute limit on routines.)

7:05 PM: An optional dinner is served. Snacks can be served throughout the party instead.

7:35 PM: Announcement #2 is made and the round two envelopes are handed out. The guests mingle about with clues.

8:00 PM: the investigation of the saboteur continues. The discussions be more like interrogations, since now – they know the saboteur is at the event. Each guest should interview every player in the game.

8:15 PM: The forensic report is revealed.

8:30 PM: The investigation sheets (guesses of whodunit) are turned in to the host. After the sheets are collected, the guests may take turns accusing who they believe did it (accusations are **optional**).

8:45 PM: Dessert and hot cocoa (coffee for adults) may be served at this time. The round three solutions are handed out to the guests. Each player presents their solution, and the saboteur confesses at the end. Allow a few minutes for the guests to mingle at the end to discuss the mystery.

9:00 PM: Act Two of the Talent Competition.

9:15 PM: host an optional awards ceremony!

To shorten the mystery party: don't stop for dinner, omit the accusation round, and don't host an awards ceremony. Also, you can shorten the game even further by only having the required players read their solutions (or even just the saboteur). Also, limit the talent acts to 1 minute if you are skimming time.

If you wish to extend the length of the party: add bonus games! However, we suggest since this is a talent competition to add the bonus games at the end to prevent the second Act from being hosted too late in the evening. Adding bonus games can add up to two more hours of fun party time!

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NAMETAGS



OPTIONAL PRE-GAME TASK CARDS:

CHARACTER S— **PRE-GAME TASKS** Contact the following talent contestants before the Mystic Falls Talent Show:

Contact Character Y and say you saw her at *Java the Hut Coffee Shop* crying over the spilled milk on the counter. She's pretty sensitive! **CONTACT INFO:**

Contact Character Q and ask what she is doing for a talent routine at the talent show. You are dying to hear about the other acts in the talent competition. **CONTACT INFO:**

Contact Character B and say you are a huge fan of her solo album that was just released. You hope it is successful! You are glad she broke away from the band *The Tigers* – they were a bit wild for your tastes. **CONTACT INFO:**

Each player will have a pre-game task card in the purchased game. Names removed and character's made female for ease.

CHARACTER X – ROUND ONE

Discuss the following with the other contestants:

- You attended the Pizza Planet party last night, but don't like pizza. You only ate the desserts.
- You think this event was organized well, but everything should have been done electronically. Dr. Black should have used real plates in the green room's buffet – not paper plates!
- If anyone wastes anything even a crumb lecture them about saving the Earth.

You may conceal this information if you choose:

- You only eat at the top of the hour. You also have a weird accent that changes all the time – you just do this to be different. You're from Arizona.
- You expressed your feelings to Dr. Black about wasting paper (and thereby trees) for the promotional materials for this talent show. Dr. Black didn't listen to you and wasted a ton of paper on fliers, contestant forms, and programs. All of it could have been electronic!

Each player will have a round one card in the purchased game. Names removed to minimize spoilers.

MYSTERY INVESTIGATION

Investigated by:__

SUSPECT NAME	EVIDENCE		
		Each player will have an investigation sheet in the purchased game.	

FINAL GUESS OF THE MYSTIC FALLS TALENT SHOW SABOTEUR:

CHARACTER K- ROUND TWO

Discuss the following with the other contestants:

- You might have touched the salt shaker in the green room earlier, but don't remember. You can't remember everything you touch.
- The saboteur might have worn gloves when preparing the note. The person who discovered the note in the green room wasn't wearing gloves, so their prints will be on the note. If there are more fingerprints found on the note – those will belong to the saboteur.
- You were one of the first ones to arrive at the talent show.
- When the saboteur prank-called the talent show organizer, you had exited the auditorium and were outside, practicing your routine.
- When you arrived at the talent show, you might have taken a shortcut through the grass during the walk towards the building.
- You didn't want the talent show to be held today. It conflicts with your fashion show in New York!

Each player will have a round two card in the purchased game. Names removed to minimize spoilers.

There is a round three solution card for each player in the purchased version Names and solution removed.



MYSTIC FALLS TALENT SHOW CONTESTANTS

MAX MOREAU

ACTOR

Max Moreau is an aspiring actor from the town of Mystic Falls. A familiar face on the stage at the local playhouse, Max is also a nonstop gossip. This performer is a slow eater with an irrational fear of table salt and must consume food in alphabetical order.

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CHEF

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GUITARIST

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MENU SUGGESTIONS

Always ask for nutritional requirements of your guests with the RSVPs to determine if they have any allergies or objections to particular ingredients.

HAM AND SWISS SLIDERS

GRILLED CHEESE ROLL 'EM UPS

PANDEMONIUM PIZZA CUPS

PIZZA WITH PIZAZZ PINWHEELS

PLAUSIBLE PUMPKIN DELIGHT

RICE KRISPIE POPS

NO BAKE PEANUT BUTTER PIE - YUMMMMMY

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The bonus games are free add-ons from the party host hand book! Instructions are included in the purchased version.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GAME:

- Pinterest page: <u>https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty/talent-show-mystery-party/</u> We have created a board for all of our games that includes theme-specific DIY party food and décor. To find the direct link to the Pinterest page, go back to the webpage where you purchased the game and scroll to the bottom of the page you'll see the Pinterest board there. Click on it to enlarge and view the pins.
- Send your guests to the Your Mystery Party guest pre-game site at http://yourmysteryparty.com/talentshow
- Social media posts: #MyMysteryParty no spoilers, please! Spoilers include any pictures or text of who the saboteur is, such as a saboteur in a mugshot with their nametag in the photo. Please do not ruin the game for others.
- The game trailer video is located on the Your Mystery Party page.

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