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3RD ANNUAL GOT TALENT? LONG ISLAND

Huntington, NY (January 24th, 2011) This is not your homegrown talent contest. Long Island is the number one market for the arts in theatre, film and more! The Huntington Arts Council is pleased to announce auditions for amateur and professional entertainers for "Got Talent? Long Island," the third annual island-wide competition featuring the best performing artists on Long Island. Live auditions are on tap at the Huntington School of Performing Arts on two Sundays, January 30 and February 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Huntington School of Performing Arts is located at 310 New York Avenue, Huntington, N.Y. 11743.

Performers will audition for the chance to go on stage as finalists before celebrity judges and a packed auditorium at the Dix Hills Center for the Performing Arts on March 25th, 2011. Celebrity judges include Martha Wash from the "It's Raining Men" hit, John Platt from WFUV and more! The winner will receive a \$500 cash award, an opening performance at the 46th Annual Huntington Summer Arts Festival, a \$1,000 scholarship to Five Towns College and more. Other awards include Audience Choice Award, and Rising Star Awards. Visit www.huntingtonarts.org for more information and an application.

This competition is open to performing artists of any age in any media, amateur or professional, except dance which is prohibited due to the venue. No animal acts or fire permitted. Submission is by live audition or by mailing a video/DVD by February 17 to the Arts Council at 213 Main Street, Huntington, NY. The live auditions are strictly first come, first served; doors will open at 12:00 p.m. and registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for Arts Council members and \$30 for non-members. The only instrument available is a piano; performers must bring their own accompanist.

Award-winning journalist and Long Islander Judy Martin of News12 will host the event. In addition to her reporting, Martin is a trained vocalist and will treat the audience to a song during the evening. Martin says she "grew up" in the hallways of Carnegie Hall while her mother was taking Opera lessons nearby.

Sponsorships are still available to support this island-wide event; please call the Arts Council at 631-271-8423 or e-mail dcherryholmes@huntingtonarts.org

Founded in 1963, the Huntington Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization which enriches the quality of life of Long Islanders with programs and services that address the needs and interests of artists, cultural organizations and the community. The Council's programs reach over one million Long Island residents, and it serves the entire region with its cultural listings at www.huntingtonarts.org. The Huntington Arts Council has been designated a "Primary Institution" by the New York State Council on the Arts, a title meaning "vital to the cultural life of New York State." The Council is the official arts coordinating agency for the Town of Huntington, and serves as the primary regrating agency on Long Island for the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), in addition to its services to over 600 member cultural organizations and individual artist members. Programs are made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts, the Town of Huntington, the Suffolk County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Suffolk County Delegation of the New York State Senate and Assembly, JP Morgan Chase, corporations, foundations and individuals.

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