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Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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Notes: The roles of CONTESTANT 1, CONTESTANT 2, and CONTESTANT 3 need to be cast. Once they are, they and the name of the EMCEE can be named after the actors or given a funny name by the actors themselves. The script will be changed once this is known.

The SLIDESHOW is on the INTRO SLIDESHOW, which will cycle through slides until the EMCEE arrives. Once the EMCEE takes the podium, advance to SLIDE 1 welcoming the audience to the concert. Stage lights up, house lights down to low.

EMCEE

Willkommen. Bienvenue. Welcome to RAINBOW AND BROADWAY, the exciting new game show premiering live tonight at the Harcourt Memorial United Church. I'm Dan and I'll be your host. We've got Rainbows. We've got Broadway. We've got Trivia and we've got prizes for some lucky winners. What we don't seem to have yet is a Chorus. Wait, do you hear that? Do you hear the people...singing?

The SLIDESHOW is advanced to SLIDE 2 displaying info for DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING.

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus files into the church singing **DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING**. Once all members are on stage, house lights off. Once the song is done and the audience applause has died down, the EMCEE continues

EMCEE

All right, let's get down to business. Our first contestant tonight will be CONTESTANT 1 of Guelph! CONTESTANT 1, come on down! Our next contestant tonight will be CONTESTANT 2 of Waterloo. Come on down, CONTESTANT 2! Our final lucky player will be CONTESTANT 3 straight outta Fergus. CONTESTANT 3, come on down!

Our first Trivia Question is coming right up. The next set of songs will be from West Side Story. Can anyone guess what our first question will be about?

CONTESTANT 1

(rings buzzer)

Uh, West Side Story, Dan?

EMCEE

Good job, CONTESTANT 1, but that wasn't our first question.

This is it:

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 3

Director Robert Wise's first choice to play Tony wasn't Richard Beymer, the actor who eventually got the part. Who was his first choice? Was it: A. Yul Brynner ... B. Gene Kelly ... or C. Elvis Presley

The emcee and contestants ponder the question for approximately five seconds, giving the audience a moment.

CONTESTANT 1

(rings buzzer)

Who is Elvis Presley?

EMCEE

I hear he's a pretty good singer. You're absolutely correct!

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 4 for the answer. CONTESTANT 1 responds happily while the other two glare.

CONTESTANT 1

[like Elvis] Thank you very much

EMCEE

Congratulations! You'd totally be in the lead if I were keeping score. Instead, let's listen to some West Side Story!

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 5 for WEST SIDE STORY

RAINBOW CHORUS

* The Rainbow Chorus sings WEST SIDE STORY.

EMCEE

And they all lived happily ever after! More or less. Except for Elvis.

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 6

EMCEE

Next question: Razzle Dazzle comes from the musical Chicago.
Which Broadway star originally played one of the lead roles in
Chicago after also taking the lead earlier in West Side Story?
Was it: A. Chita Rivera B. Gwen Verdon or C. SpongeBob
SquarePants. Remember, you do not have to put your answers
in the form of a question.

The emcee and contestants ponder the question for approximately five seconds, giving the
audience a moment

CONTESTANT 1

(rings buzzer)

SpongeBob SquarePants for the block!

EMCEE

Sorry. Anyone else?

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

Gwen Verdon. She was the original Roxie and it's because of her Chicago
became a musical.

EMCEE

You're right about that, but she was never in West Side Story. Sorry.

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

Chita Rivera.

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 7 for the answer.

EMCEE

Congratulations! That's correct! Chita Rivera was the original
Anita on Broadway, though she lost out to Rita Moreno in the
film. CONTESTANT 3, you win a song!

* The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 8 for RAZZLE DAZZLE

RAINBOW CHORUS SMALL GROUP

The small group from the Rainbow Chorus comes forward and sings RAZZLE DAZZLE.

After the song is done and the audience applauds, the small group goes back into the Rainbow Chorus. The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 9 for OVER THE RAINBOW

RAINBOW CHORUS

~~*~~ The Rainbow Chorus sings OVER THE RAINBOW.

EMCEE

Over the Rainbow. So over it. Just kidding, especially if you're a rabid Judy Garland fan. There's one in every audience. The next piece comes from the musical The Secret Garden. They're making musicals out of everything these days! What's next, Spider-Man? Yeah, no one would be that dumb.

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 10

EMCEE

So what's the big secret in The Secret Garden? Is it A. A hidden treasure chest ... B. The garden's location ... or C. Victoria's secret

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

[eagerly] I'll take Victoria's Secret

EMCEE

I'll bet you will. But no. Sorry. Anyone else?

CONTESTANT 2

(rings buzzer)

The garden's location

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 11 for the answer.

EMCEE

Correct! The musical is the story of Mary Lennox, as she tries to find the hidden Secret Garden and use it to help her cousin Colin get well again. But life's never that easy. Sometimes things get difficult, and you just gotta Hold On...

~~*~~ The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 12 for HOLD ON

RAINBOW CHORUS SMALL GROUP

The small group from the Rainbow Chorus sings Hold On.

RAINBOW CHORUS SMALL GROUP

After the song is done and the audience applauds, the small group goes back into the Rainbow Chorus.

The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 13 for SEASONS OF LOVE

RAINBOW CHORUS

* The Rainbow Chorus sings SEASONS OF LOVE.

bar Sb rit?

EMCEE

Ah, yes. I always get wistful when I think about how I "measure in love". Moving on to our next question, the musical "Hair" made the expression "Age of Aquarius" part of the popular lexicon.

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 14

EMCEE

How long, exactly, is the Age of Aquarius? Is it A. 12 months ...
B. 12 years ... or C. About 2150 years?

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

12 months?

EMCEE

No.

CONTESTANT 2

(rings buzzer)

12 years, the same number of years Rent was on Broadway?

EMCEE

No, sorry...Contestant 1? Any thoughts?

CONTESTANT 1

Uh, can I use a lifeline?

EMCEE

Not on this show.

CONTESTANT 1

Can I buy a vowel?

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 15 for the answer.

EMCEE

How about the letter 'C'? Good job, CONTESTANT 1, for going with the only remaining answer! Yes, an astrological age corresponds to the sun's transition from one constellation of

EMCEE (continued)

the zodiac to another on the vernal equinox. Try saying that five times fast! Or better yet, let's listen to a song about it.

* The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 16 for AQUARIUS/LET THE SUN SHINE

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings AQUARIUS/LET THE SUN SHINE.

As the chorus EXITS the theatre, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 17

EMCEE

Wait! Where are you going! You guys are going to miss the raffle! Oh well. I guess I'll just tell you all about it. There are four fabulous baskets and there will be four fabulous winners and I'm looking at them right now. Yes, you too can win one of these stunning prizes. The Defying Gravity at the Spa basket, for those of you who want luxury and relaxation. The Circle of Guelph basket, filled with local treasures both beautiful and delicious. The Beauty and the Beasts basket for your favorite four-legged friends. Finally, the Send in the Clowns basket filled to the brim with wine and beer. Tickets are five dollars each or three for ten dollars, and every dollar helps support fine game show organizations like this one. See you after the break!

House lights up, stage lights down.

END OF FIRST HALF

SECOND HALF

Stage lights up, House lights down and off. The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 18.

EMCEE

Welcome back, contestants and audience! Before we get too comfortable, there's a car in the parking lot with its lights on. If your license plate is "2 4 6 0 1" then I have a gentleman in the lobby who will be happy to help you. Just ask for Inspector Javert. Coming up, we get back into the heat of the competition, but first let's listen to a few more songs.

The SLIDESHOW is advanced to SLIDE 19 displaying info for **DEFYING GRAVITY**

RAINBOW CHORUS

* The Rainbow Chorus sings **Defying Gravity**

The SLIDESHOW is advanced to SLIDE 20 displaying info for **I REMEMBER**. The small group performing **I REMEMBER** emerges from the chorus to the microphones.

RAINBOW CHORUS SMALL GROUP

* The Rainbow Chorus Small Group sings **I REMEMBER**

The Rainbow Chorus Small Group goes back into the chorus.

EMCEE

That Sondheim! Remembering sky as blue as ink. It's almost like he's been through a Canadian winter. Time to get back to the competition.

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 21

EMCEE

The next song has been recorded by such diverse artists as Beyoncé, Queen, Shirley Bassey, Phish, and Michael Bublé, featured in such movies as *Sixteen Candles*, *Gremlins 2*, *Starman*, and *Highlander*, and broadcast each year in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square. What song would this be? Is it A. New York, New York ... B. Good Morning Baltimore ... or C. What's New Buenos Aires?

CONTESTANT 3

(looks confused, does not ring buzzer)

Hairspray or Evita...I can't decide

CONTESTANT 1

(rings buzzer)

Good Morning Baltimore! Big bucks! No whammies! Stop!

EMCEE

Um, whatever that was, no.

CONTESTANT 2

(rings buzzer)

New York, New York. It's a helluva town!

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 22 for the answer.

EMCEE

Right you are! Let's hear all about it.

The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 23 displaying info for NEW YORK NEW YORK

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings NEW YORK NEW YORK

After applause dies down, the SLIDESHOW is advanced to SLIDE 24 displaying info for CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN. The singers not singing CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN file off the stage.

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN

The offstage Rainbow Chorus singers move back on to the stage.

EMCEE

It's a good thing we don't have a question about Climb Evry Mountain because I'd have to include an answer choice for "nun" of the above. I have a "habit" of making bad puns. I'll be here all week.

Percussion rim shot. As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 25

EMCEE

Which of the following artists earned both an acting Oscar and had a number one Billboard single? Is it A. Frank Sinatra... B. Cher ...or C. Barbra Streisand

CONTESTANT 1

(rings buzzer)

Frank Sinatra! And that is my final answer!

EMCEE

Not exactly.

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

Cher!

EMCEE

Not exactly.

CONTESTANT 2

(rings buzzer)

Barbra Streisand!

EMCEE

Not exactly...

The CONTESTANTS look at each other, confused.

CONTESTANT 2

None of the above?

The SLIDESHOW advances to slide 26 for the answer

EMCEE

The answer is...all three of them! We've already heard one of Frank Sinatra's signature songs tonight. Now we're going to hear one of Barbra's - People from the musical Funny Girl.

The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 27 displaying info for PEOPLE. The Children / Lover singers move to the microphones.

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings PEOPLE

The Rainbow Chorus singers not singing I WILL SURVIVE file off the stage.

EMCEE

Throughout Broadway history, many musicals that found success on Broadway later became films. Recently, the trend has reversed, with Broadway seeing many musicals made out of movies, such as The Lion King and The Producers. Another recent trend has been to take existing songs and craft a musical around them, as seen in Jersey Boys and Mamma Mia.

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 28

EMCEE

Our next song, I Will Survive, is an example of both trends. It didn't start out life in a musical but has been incorporated into one inspired by a movie. Which of the following musicals contains "I Will Survive"? Is it A. Hairspray ... B. Priscilla, Queen of the Desert ... or C. The Full Monty?

CONTESTANT 2

(rings buzzer)

The Lion King!

EMCEE

That wasn't even one of the choices!

CONTESTANT 1

(rings buzzer)

Survey said: The Full Monty. But it isn't really a musical, is it?

EMCEE

Actually it is. But it's not the right choice.

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

It's gotta be Priscilla.

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 29 for the answer.

EMCEE

Correct! Priscilla: The Musical has been a smash hit in Australia, London, and Broadway, and had its North American debut in Toronto. Take it away, ladies!

The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 30 displaying info for I WILL SURVIVE.

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings I WILL SURVIVE

The offstage singers move back on to the stage.

EMCEE

Wasn't that fabulous? Only here can you thank a bunch of Australian drag queens for making a disco number part of a Broadway concert.

As the EMCEE reads the question, the SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 31

EMCEE

The next song, "The Impossible Dream" comes from the musical "Man of La Mancha." To which lady has Don Quixote pledged eternal devotion? Is it A. Queen Isabella ... B. Dulcinea ... or C. Dulce de Leche?

CONTESTANT 3

(rings buzzer)

Pocahontas!

EMCEE

That wasn't even one of the choices!

CONTESTANT 2

(rings buzzer)

[sings] Dul-ci-ne-a.

The SLIDESHOW advances to SLIDE 32 for the answer.

EMCEE

That's right. You *can* name that tune in four notes! Now let's listen to a tune that's just a little bit longer.

The SLIDESHOW moves to SLIDE 33 displaying info for THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM.

- a. Introduction (emcee)
- b. Do You Hear the People Sing — when to start? cue from Brenda
 - a. Question
- c. West Side Story
 - a. Question
- d. Razzle Dazzle *add tag electric piano*
- e. Over the Rainbow
 - a. Question
- f. Hold On
- g. Seasons of Love
 - a. Question
- h. Aquarius/Sunshine
- i. Final "buy our raffle tickets" spiel (emcee)
- j. Introduction (Act II)
- k. Defying Gravity
- l. I Remember
 - a. Question
- m. New York New York
- n. Climb Ev'ry Mountain
 - a. Question
- o. People
 - a. Question
- p. I Will Survive
 - a. Question
- q. Impossible Dream
- r. You're the One That I Want
- s. True Colours

Les Miserables, West Side Story, Chicago, Wizard of Oz, Secret Garden, Rent, Hair
 Wicked, Evening Primrose, NYNY, Sound of Music, Funny Girl, Priscilla, Man of La Mancha, Grease

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

The SLIDESHOW is advanced to SLIDE 34 displaying info for YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT.

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT

The SLIDESHOW is advanced to slide 35 displaying THE END

At some point during audience applause, the conductor will move to begin the encore number.

The SLIDESHOW is advanced to SLIDE 36 displaying info for TRUE COLOURS

RAINBOW CHORUS

The Rainbow Chorus sings TRUE COLOURS

EMCEE

It's time to announce a winner. That would be all of you.

You've been a great audience. Thank you please join us in the gymnasium downstairs for snacks and the raffle draw. Insert cheesy sign off here and good night.

The Rainbow Chorus exits the stage. House lights up, stage lights down.