

2011
Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society
(Ossipee Valley Fair)
The Friendliest of Fairs
Hiram, Maine
2nd Annual
Prove You Can Sing For some \$-ChaChing-\$
Singing Contest

RULES AND REGULATIONS

General

- 1.** This contest is open to persons of all ages. Any members of the Ossipee Valley Fair Agricultural Society are not permitted to participate. None of the judges' immediate family may participate. Contestants under the age of 18 years old may only participate so with the consent of their parent or guardian who must evidence such consent on the application form.
- 2.** Contestants must be amateur singers or entertainers, otherwise be persons who may be involved within the entertainment industry as singers or entertainers on a part-time basis, and do not belong to any professional organization (s) connected with the entertainment industry. None of the paid performers of the Ossipee Valley Fair may participate.
- 3.** Entries for the contest must be received by O.V.A.S. (Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society) by **June 25th, 2011 for scheduling ease please** and no later than **1:00 pm July 9th, 2011**. To enter, contestants may complete the online application form @ www.ossipeevalleyfair.com and mail it to:
O.V.A.S. 2010- Singing Contest
C/O Darla DEE / Entertainment Coordinator
63 Washington Street
Limerick, Maine 04048
Or: pick up an application and or drop it off at 63 Washington Street, Limerick with Darla DEE
The time and date that the entry was received will be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the O.V.A.S.

4. Each entry must be accompanied by a **\$10.00 non-refundable application fee** if received by **June 25th, 2011**. A **\$15.00 non-refundable application fee** if received after **June 25th, 2011 until the deadline to enter at 2:00pm July 9th, 2011**. **Subject to availability of audition openings remaining**. Checks can be made out to O.V.A.S./Entertainment

5. O.V.A.S. has the right at any time to require proof of identity and/or eligibility. Failure to provide such proof within a reasonable time could result in disqualification from the competition. All personal details and information requested by O.V.A.S. by each contestant must be truthful, accurate and in no way misleading. O.V.A.S. reserves the right to disqualify any contestant from the competition or auditioning process in its sole discretion, should the contestant at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information or should the contestant be ineligible for the competition pursuant to these rules.

6. By submission of an application and entering into this contest, each contestant represents and warrants his or her compliance with these rules and regulations. No contestant will be permitted to audition unless he or she has acknowledged and agreed to these rules and regulations.

7. By entering, each contestant agrees that O.V.A.S. and their successors and assigns have the right to use their names, likenesses, and images of all persons performing for future advertising, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised in perpetuity.

8. By participating in this contest, contestants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges. O.V.A.S. is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the administration of the contest or in the announcement of the prize.

Auditions & Performance

9. Auditions will take place at Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 9th between 11:00am and 4:00pm, depending on the amount of entries received. The top scoring 6 contestants will compete in the finals on Saturday, July 9th at approximately 4:15 depending again on the amount of contestants. Where the performances will be held on the fairgrounds will be told to you at the front gate.

- 10.** A contestant may only perform as a solo act, and no duets or group performances will be permitted.

- 11.** Contestants **MAY NOT** utilize live props., back-up singers, dancers or animals. Non human props such as costumes and other accessories are permitted.
Contestants may accompany themselves or have one accompaniment of a live musical instrument.

- 12.** Contestants must supply their own background tracks on a single CD. Background music must be clear of lead vocal singers, only musical band instruments are acceptable and light harmonies.

- 13.** Contestants are not permitted to leave the stage or stage area during their performance. This includes singing or performing within the audience.

- 14.** The time limit for each contestant is 5 minutes. More than one song may be sung within the 5 minutes. No changing of CD's will be allowed. If more than one song, they must be on the same CD and be somewhat continuous. Songs going over 5 minutes will be shut off. Judges will be instructed to not deduct points due to a song being shut off.

- 15.** Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.

- 16.** No changes in song choice may be made once the contestant has delivered the background CD to the sound person. CD's must be given to the sound person 15-20 minutes prior to their audition. If not you could forfeit your turn and possibly be disqualified. For the sake of the other contestants and keeping the flow of the contest in order, please be prompt.

- 17.** Songs containing vulgar or explicit sexual lyrics will not be allowed. Contestants who during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, including without limitation those referencing or depicting violence, nudity or explicit activity. Or which are not in the spirit of the contest or do not meet O.V.A.S. standards for any reason, as determined by O.V.A.S. will be disqualified from the competition.

- 18.** Contestants and their families are not allowed to have contact with any contest judge before or during the competition. Contact includes verbal conversations and handshakes.

19. Contestants, and/or their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the contest may result in the disqualification of that contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior includes poor sportsmanship, bad manners, and lack of decorum.

20. The order in which each contestant competes in the finals shall be determined by a random drawing. If chosen as one of the top 6 finalist, you must submit a new song choice on a separate CD for the finals. Contestants therefore, must be prepared in case they are chosen as a finalist. Contestants may not repeat a song they have previously sung in their audition. The same rules & regulations that apply in the auditions will apply in the finals.

Judging

21. Contestants will be scored using a 50-point system:

- * Vocal Ability (rhythm/pitch/phrasing): 1-30 points
- * Stage Presence (movement/confidence/command): 1-10 points
- * Appearance (costume/attire): 1-10 points

22. All decisions and interpretations regarding the contest, its rules, and the selection of the winner remain with the judges, O.V.A.S., its agents, and representatives, and are final.

Prizes

23. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$500.00 Cash: and in the event of a tie the Grand Prize will be split between the winners.

24. The odds of winning will depend on the number of contestants and the quality of their performances.

25. The winner will be selected, and then announced, immediately following the finals of the contest and after the scores has been calculated.

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Application**

AUDITION DATES: Saturday July 9th, 2011

TIME: 11:00am-4:00pm

LOCATION: Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, South Hiram, Maine

APPLICATION FEE: \$10.00 if pre-registered before June 25th, 2011
\$15.00 if registered at the auditions

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Profession: _____

Telephone # ___/___/___ E-Mail: _____

Address _____

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

List any previous awards for singing or performing _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct, and I confirm that I have read and will fully comply with the rules and regulations to this contest.

Date: ___/___/___ **Signature:** _____

If the applicant is under the age of 18 years of age, I am the parent or guardian of the applicant and consent to his/her participation in the contest,

Date: ___/___/___ **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Thank You for your application, we will contact you shortly regarding your audition time.

Completed forms may be delivered before June 25th, 2011 to:

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63 Washington St. Limerick, Maine 04048**