



Rochesterfest Karaoke Extravaganza

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Contest Rules

1. Decisions by the judges and event organizers are final.
2. **All registrants must complete a mini-audition to be considered for contest participation.**
3. The mini-audition is 15-30 seconds a cappella to a song of your choice.
4. Registration and mini-auditions will be held 5:30 – 6:45 pm the day of the event.
5. **Due to time constraints, the contest will be limited to a max of 16 participants. Not all registrations will be accepted.**
6. Participants must be AT LEAST 15 years of age (following the Minnesota Sings competition rules).
7. Everyone under the age of 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian sign the registration.
8. Selection of participants, song choice decisions, and performance order will be determined by the event organizers and are final.
9. Judges will score on the basis of vocal quality, song knowledge, and stage presence/appearance.
10. Participants can only sing in one preliminary round and only once per round.
11. Duets/groups are permissible. However, prizes are per performance, not per participant.
12. Participant agrees to select and perform in a family-friendly manner including physical movement on stage and appropriate language/lyrics. Event organizers reserve the right to stop a performance at any time if deemed inappropriate and the participant will be disqualified. Immediate disqualification might include, but is not limited to, removal of clothing, jumping from the stage, and/or damaging equipment.
13. Any participant who attempts to argue with the judges or event organizers may be disqualified from competition.
14. Participants may provide their own music (on an audio CD or karaoke CDG with graphics). Event organizers will prescreen music to determine appropriateness and quality and reserve the right to deny material for reasons such as song choice/lyrics and/or poor audio quality.
15. **Mainstream Music** will make karaoke tracks available to contestants. Song choice is subject to availability.
16. Due to time and space restrictions, no live instruments will be permitted at this event. This is a karaoke contest, and singing to the recorded backing track.
17. Any on stage props must be approved by event organizers before your performance.
18. Participants must be at the staging area no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of their round or they forfeit participation.
19. The top three preliminary round winners from each round will be invited to participate in the championship round of six.
20. Participants must be at the staging area no later than 15 minutes prior to the championship round or their forfeit their prize.

21. Previous championship winners are not eligible to participate in consecutive years, i.e. last year's champion is not eligible for this year's contest.
22. Participants must remain on stage during their performance.
23. Winners of each preliminary round will be announced at the end of each round. Prizes will be awarded to all preliminary round winners and the grand prize winner at the conclusion of the event (after the championship round).
24. Prizes will be as follows: **Round 1 top three at \$75, \$50, and \$25; Round 2 top three at \$75, \$50, and \$25; Overall Champion \$300.**
25. In the event of a tie in the championship round, there will be a sing off.
26. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled and no prizes will be awarded.
27. **Minnesota Sings competition partnership:** If the **winner AND runner-up** of the Rochesterfest Karaoke Extravaganza are between ages 15-25, they will qualify to compete in the Minnesota Sings contest. *Minnesota Sings is a competition between cities throughout Minnesota and is designed for amateur vocalists ages 15 to 25. There are some great prizes thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. For prize details, visit minnesotasings.com/judging-criteria/ This contest takes place **Sunday, September 24, 2017** in St. Paul, MN. **Complete information on the event can be found at: www.minnesotasings.com***
28. If the winner and/or runner up of the Rochesterfest Karaoke Extravaganza are not eligible for the Minnesota Sings contest due to age restrictions, the contest organizers will use the scores of the contestants and select the two with the highest scores who are between ages 15-25.