

2009
ClockTower'S
Karaoke Contest

Rules & Regulations

All Contestants must be at least 21 years old to enter in the contest. To get started, each contestant must call "Studio C" at 540-887-2277 to set-up an appointment for studio time. Paper copy Entry Forms are located at Studio C or Downtown at the Clocktower Restaurant. You can download them at the Clocktower's Website, www.downtown27.com or 98.5 Rock Me Radio's Website, www.98rockme.com

I) A completed Entry Form & \$25.00 fee must accompany each contestant to their appointed recording time. Please take a few minutes to review these Rules & Regulations prior to your appointment, once you've made your recording, you've accepted the terms & conditions of this contest without dispute or protest & no refunds. No one goes empty handed; every contestant will be given a Demo CD of their Studio C Karaoke recording for participating in the contest.

II) Each Karaoke recording will be reviewed by a panel of judges, 25 contestants will be selected from the total number of recordings, and these contestants will proceed to the semi-finals portion of competition. The 25 semi-finalists will be randomly broken down into 5 groups with 5 contestants in each group. Their Name, Photo and Karaoke Demo will be posted on www.downtown27.com & www.98rockme.com as well as other contest promotional material. The semi-finals will be held on 5 consecutive Tuesday nights, Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 17, Feb 24 & March 3. Each Tuesday night, 5 contestants will sing their Karaoke song live on stage at "Downtown 27", the night club located in the back of Downtown at the Clocktower Restaurant. I) Each Contestant will be judged by no less than a 3 Judge panel. II) Each Judge shall be non-partial, i.e. a judge CAN NOT be a friend or acquaintance and/or relatives of any contestant.

III) CONTESTANTS WILL BE JUDGED BY THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES & PROCEDURE:

- 1) Singing Ability
- 2) Appearance
- 3) Stage Presence
- 4) Audience Participation. 10% of contestant's score will come from audience votes on the Tuesday night of the contestant's performance.
- 5) Audience Reaction

Each contestant will be judged on a scale from 1 to 10. 1 represents the lowest and 10 represents the highest score for each category, i.e. the lowest total score possible is 5 and the highest is 50 from each judge.

IV) Each contestant will sing 1 song. Each contestant shall only use the equipment provided by the DJ running the show, with the exception of CD's or CDG's only. NO outside equipment will be allowed other than by the DJ.

V) Each Tuesday night, for 5 consecutive Tuesdays, 2 contestants will be selected at the end of that evening to move on to the Final Gala based on scores tallied from same categories & procedures mentioned above in article III. The Final Gala will be held on March 10th, where 10 final contestants will compete for 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. Contestants will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the band SP511 and representatives of 98.5 Rock Me Radio & Studio C Recording & Production.

VI) PRIZES:

- 1) 1st Grand Prize, \$500 dollars in CASH, PLUS, a full length Demo CD from Studio C valued at \$600 dollars. This includes up to 10 hours of studio time, recording, mixing, enhancements & such. Total Cash & Prize \$1,100.00 in value.
- 2) 2nd Prize, \$100 dollars in CASH, plus a Karaoke Machine.
- 3) 3rd Prize, \$50 dollars in CASH, plus a \$50.00 Gift Certificate for Downtown at the Clocktower Restaurant
- 4) 1 LUCKY contestant will be selected by the Rock Band SP511, to appear live on stage to sing their Karaoke song with the band at a concert of the band's choosing.

VII) GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CONTEST:

- 1) Any Contestant guilty of distracting another contestant or demonstrates any unsportsmanlike behavior during another contestant's performance.
- 2) Any contestant found damaging equipment shall not only be disqualified from the competition, but, will be held financially responsible for cost of replacements.
- 3) Heckling, insulting or confrontational behavior with any of the Audience, other Contestants, Judges or Owners of the Establishment.
- 4) Non-compliance with judge's scores, and again, less than good sportsmanlike behavior, a contestant will be removed from competition and banned from the Clocktower during the remainder of the contest.
- 5) Any contestant permitting others to sing along, perform on stage with them or by surrendering their possession of microphone. (This does NOT include holding the microphone in the direction of the general audience to sing along with background vocal and audience participation.

VIII) Any Contestant that faces the dreaded malfunction of the equipment has the option of starting over. Examples: Feedback, skipping of disk, loss of microphone. This option does not include a contestant bumping into the equipment causing a skip or turning off the microphone while singing.

All contestants must do their best while performing; also, they must do their best to have a great time. Contestants that do not adhere to this rule shall be subject to going home grumpy.

Best of Luck!

Questions may be directed to:

Studio C

Recording & Production

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Or

Downtown at the Clocktower Restaurant

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