

# 2017 Rules

## SINGING NEWS SONGWRITING CONTEST 2017 - OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

THE SINGING NEWS SONGWRITER CONTEST ("CONTEST") IS OPEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER (ENTRANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WILL NEED WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN), WHO REGISTERS BY COMPLETING AN OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AVAILABLE FROM [WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM](http://WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM) OR [WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM](http://WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM) AND ALONG WITH SUBMITTING THE APPLICABLE ENTRY FEE(S). THE EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2017 AT 11:59 PM CST AND THE REGULAR ENTRY DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 2, 2017 AT 11:59 PM CST.

THE EARLY ENTRY FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS (MAY 1, 2017 – AUGUST 2, 2017):

Mailed submissions/payments (all must be postmarked by August 2, 2017):

- \$39.00 mailed payment/early entry
- \$59.00 mailed payment/early entry + CRITIQUE

THE REGULAR ENTRY FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS (August 2, 2017 – October 2, 2017):

Mailed submissions/payments (all must be postmarked by October 2, 2017):

- \$49.00 mailed payment/entry
- \$69.00 mailed payment/entry + CRITIQUE

INDIVIDUALS MAY ENTER AS MANY TIMES AS THEY WANT, AS LONG AS A SEPARATE ENTRY FEE AND PAYMENT FOR EACH SONG IS INCLUDED. ENTRY VIA U.S. POST OFFICE OR OTHER CARRIER MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO:

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ATTN: 2017 Songwriter Competition

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Nashville, TN 37217

THERE ARE NO SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS IN THE CONTEST JUDGING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO OPT TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY WITH ADDITIONAL SERVICES (CRITIQUES). ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED SOLELY ON SUBMITTED LYRICS AND ACCOMPANYING AUDIO EQUALLY.

DELIVERABLES: CRITIQUES - INDIVIDUALS SELECTING THIS OPTION WILL RECEIVE A CRITIQUE OF THEIR SUBMITTED ENTRY GIVEN BY ONE (1) OF THE OFFICIAL CONTEST JUDGES. ALL CRITIQUES WILL BE DELIVERED WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF CONTEST. INDIVIDUALS MUST SEND A COMPACT DISC (CD) MAILED ENTRY. ACCOMPANYING AUDIO MUST MATCH THE LYRICAL CONTENT (BE THE SAME SONG) AS THE ENTRANT'S OFFICIAL CONTEST SUBMISSION.

ELIGIBILITY: EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF SALEM PUBLISHING, INC., d/b/a THE SINGING NEWS AND REACH SATELLITE NETWORK, INC., d/b/a SINGING NEWS RADIO NETWORK (COLLECTIVELY "PROMOTERS"); CROSSROADS, INC., AND CHRIS WHITE MUSIC PUBLISHING, 11<sup>th</sup> HOUR, GORDON MOTE, NEW HAVEN RECORDS, THE HYSSONGS AND CHAPEL VALLEY MUSIC GROUP (COLLECTIVELY "FEATURED ARTISTS"), ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO NON-PROFESSIONAL SOUTHERN GOSPEL SONGWRITERS. NON PROFESSIONAL SONGWRITER IS DEFINED AS A SONGWRITER THAT HAS NEVER HAD AN ORIGINAL SONG ON THE SINGING NEWS TOP 40 CHARTS AND WHO IS NOT UNDER AN EXCLUSIVE SONGWRITING OR PUBLISHING CONTRACT.

PRIZES: THERE WILL BE THREE (3) GRAND PRIZE WINNERS. THE WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG ALL ELIGIBLE ENTRIES RECEIVED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES SELECTED BY PROMOTERS.

ENTRIES RECEIVED AND/OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2017 AT 11:59 PM CST WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED ENTRY FEE RATE, AS DETAILED ON THE CONTEST ENTRY FORM. ENTRIES RECEIVED AND/OR POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 2, 2017 AT 11:59 PM CST, WILL BE ACCEPTED. ENTRANTS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

THE WINNERS WILL OFFICIALLY BE ANNOUNCED ON SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM, THE SINGING NEWS RADIO NETWORK AND OTHER SALEM DIGITAL BY NOVEMBER 17, 2017 AT 8 AM CST AND NOTIFIED BY E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, 2017 AT 2:00 PM CST. THE WINNERS MUST COMPLETE AN AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND LIABILITY AND, WHERE LAWFUL, A PUBLICITY RELEASE. IF PROMOTERS DO NOT RECEIVE THE AFFIDAVIT AND RELEASE WITHIN TWO (2) WEEKS OF NOTIFICATION, THE PRIZE MAY BE FORFEITED AND AN ALTERNATE WINNER MAY BE SELECTED. EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW, BY SIGNING THE AFFIDAVIT AND RELEASE, THE WINNER GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE USE OF HIS/HER/ITS NAME, LIKENESS, PICTURE, PORTRAIT, HOMETOWN, SERVICE MARK, VOICE, BIOGRAPHICAL/OTHER INFORMATION, AND STATEMENTS FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES FOR THIS AND OTHER PROMOTIONS BY SINGING NEWS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.

ODDS OF WINNING DEPEND ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED. PROMOTERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, LATE, DAMAGED OR MISHANDLED ENTRIES.

#### GRAND PRIZES

THERE ARE THREE (3) GRAND PRIZE WINNING SONGS WITH EACH TO RECEIVE:

- THEIR WINNING ENTRY TO BE RECORDED BY EITHER THE HYSSONGS, 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR OR GORDON MOTE ("FEATURED ARTISTS"). WINNING ENTRY MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND/OR RE-WRITE. IN THIS CASE, THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER AND FEATURED ARTIST(S) WILL COLLABORATE ON A RE-WRITE TO BE RECORDED. THE WINNING ENTRY, OR THE RE-WRITE, TO BE RECORDED BY FEATURED ARTISTS AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS TO THE DATE OF CONTEST'S END.
- THE WRITERS OF THE THREE (3) WINNING SONGS AND THE FIVE (5) RUNNERS – UP SONG WRITERS WILL BE FEATURED IN A STORY IN THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE.
- THE WRITERS OF THE THREE (3) WINNING SONGS WILL BE FEATURED IN AN ON AIR INTERVIEW WITH THE SINGING NEWS RADIO NETWORK.
- THE WRITERS OF THE THREE (3) WINNING SONGS WILL BE FEATURED IN A BANNER AD ON [WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM](http://WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM) AND [WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM](http://WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM)
- THE THREE (3) WINNING SONGS WILL HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE TRACK WITH PROFESSIONAL DEMO RECORDED BY SESSION MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS.

#### RUNNERS-UP CONSOLATION PRIZES

THERE ARE FIVE (5) RUNNERS-UP CONSOLATION PRIZES WITH EACH SECOND PLACE SONG RECEIVING:

- THE WRITERS OF THE THREE (3) WINNING SONGS AND THE FIVE (5) RUNNERS – UP SONG WRITERS WILL BE FEATURED IN A STORY IN THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE.
- THE WRITERS OF THE FIVE (5) SECOND PLACE SONGS WILL RECEIVE A FREE ONE (1) YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE AND OTHER SELECTED SALEM PUBLICATIONS.
- THE FIVE (5) SECOND PLACE SONGS WILL HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE TRACK WITH PROFESSIONAL DEMO RECORDED BY SESSION MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS.

NO TRANSFER, SUBSTITUTION, OR CASH EQUIVALENT WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE GRAND PRIZE, OR THE SECOND PLACE PRIZES PROVIDED. HOWEVER, PROMOTERS MAY, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, SUBSTITUTE A PRIZE OF EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE. ODDS OF WINNING DEPEND ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES RECEIVED. PROMOTERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, LATE, DAMAGED OR MISHANDLED ENTRIES.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, EACH ENTRANT AGREES TO ABIDE BY AND BE BOUND BY ALL OF THESE OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND THE DECISIONS OF GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PROMOTERS ("CONTEST JUDGE"). ALL DECISIONS REGARDING THE CONTEST INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SELECTING THE WINNER, WILL BE MADE BY THE "CONTEST JUDGE", WHOSE

DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL. THE CONTEST JUDGE MAY PROHIBIT AN ENTRANT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONTEST, IN HIS/HER SOLE DISCRETION, IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE CONTEST JUDGE, THE ENTRANT FAILS TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES, OR OTHERWISE ACTS (I) IN A NON-PROFESSIONAL OR INAPPROPRIATE MANNER, (II) WITH AN INTENT TO ANNOY, ABUSE, THREATEN, OR HARASS ANY OTHER ENTRANT, JUDGE, OR PROMOTERS, OR (III) IN ANY OTHER DISRUPTIVE MANNER. THE WINNER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS APPLY.

TO FIND OUT THE WINNERS OF THE CONTEST, LOOK FOR THE WINNER'S NAMES AND SONG TITLES TO BE POSTED AT [WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM](http://WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM) AND [WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM](http://WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM) ONCE THE WINNERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONTEST.