

SINGING NEWS ULTIMATE TALENT SEARCH 2017 - OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

THE SINGING NEWS ULTIMATE TALENT SEARCH 2017 CONTEST ("CONTEST") IS OPEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, OR GROUP, 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 OR WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM AND ALONG WITH SUBMITTING THE APPLICABLE ENTRY FEE(S). THE EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 14, 2017 AT 11:59 PM CST AND THE REGULAR ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2016 AT 11:59 PM CST.

THE EARLY ENTRY FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS (JANUARY 1, 2017 – APRIL 14, 2017):
MAILED SUBMISSIONS / PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 14, 2017):
- \$119.00 MAILED PAYMENT / ENTRY

THE REGULAR ENTRY FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS (APRIL 15, 2017 – MAY 22, 2017):
MAILED SUBMISSIONS / PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 14, 2017):
- \$149.00 MAILED PAYMENT / ENTRY

ARTISTS MAY ENTER AS A SOLIST OR AS PART OF A GROUP OR ENSEMBLE, AS LONG AS A SEPARATE ENTRY FEE AND PAYMENT FOR EACH ARTIST (SOLIST OR GROUP / ENSEMBLE) IS INCLUDED. ENTRY VIA U.S. POST OFFICE OR OTHER CARRIER MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO:

SINGING NEWS
ATTN: 2017 ULTIMATE TALENT SEARCH
402 BNA Dr. SUITE 400
NASHVILLE, TN 37217

THERE ARE NO SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS IN THE CONTEST JUDGING FOR ARTISTS WHO OPT TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY EARLY. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED SOLELY ON TALENT.

DELIVERABLES: INDIVIDUALS MUST SEND A COMPACT DISC (CD) WITH A COLOR PHOTO ON THE FRONT COVER AS A MAILED ENTRY.

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"); PAUL BELCHER AND BILL BAILEY / JOSH AND ASHLEY FRANKS (COLLECTIVELY "FEATURED PROMOTERS"), ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO NON-PROFESSIONAL SOUTHERN GOSPEL ARTISTS ARTIST IS DEFINED AS A SOLOIST OR GROUP/ENSEMBLE THAT HAS NEVER HAD A SONG ON THE SINGING NEWS TOP 40 CHARTS AND WHO IS NOT UNDER AN EXCLUSIVE RECORDING AND/OR PUBLISHING CONTRACT.

PRIZES: THERE WILL BE ONE (1) GRAND PRIZE WINNER. THE TOP TEN (10) SEMI-FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED FROM AMONG ALL ELIGIBLE ENTRIES RECEIVED BY THE STAFF JUDGES. THE TOP TEN . NON PROFESSIONAL FINALISTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A ONE DAY "SING OFF" IN THE NASHVILLE, TN AREA IN FRONT A PANEL OF INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES AND INSIDERS SERVING AS JUDGES. EACH SEMI-FINALIST IS SOLEY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR TRAVEL EXPENSES TO AND FROM THE "SING OFF".

ENTRIES RECEIVED AND/OR POSTMARKED BY APRIL 14, 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 MAY 22, 2017 AT 11:59 PM CST, WILL BE ACCEPTED.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS WILL OFFICIALLY BE ANNOUNCED ON SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM, THE SINGING NEWS RADIO NETWORK AND OTHER SALEM DIGITAL PLATFORMS BY JUNE 2, 2017 AT 8 AM CST AND NOTIFIED BY E-MAIL OR TELEPHONE NO LATER THAN JUNE 5, 2017 AT 2:00 PM CST. THE SEMI-FINALISTS AND GRAND PRIZE WINNER 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 PRIZE

THERE IS ONE (1) GRAND PRIZE WINNING ARTIST WHICH WILL RECEIVE:

- A) AN APPEARANCE AT THE 2017 DOLLYWOOD HARVEST FESTIVAL "SINGING NEWS" STAGE FOR ONE DAY WITH THREE SEPARATE 30 MINUTE PERFORMANCES.
- B) AN APPEARANCE AT THE 2018 PAUL BELCHER'S BATTLE OF THE SONGS CHATTANOOGA, TN EVENT FOR A THREE (3) SONG PERFORMANCE ON THE FIRST ROUND.
- C) AN APPEARANCE AT THE 2018 BILL BAILEY / JOSH FRANKS JACKSON, TN SINGS THE GOSPEL EVENT FOR A THREE (3) SONG PERFORMANCE ON THE FIRST ROUND.
- D) A FEATURED STORY IN THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE IN 2018.
- E) A "LIVE" ON AIR INTERVIEW WITH THE SINGING NEWS RADIO NETWORK
- F) TWO HALF PAGE ADS IN THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE 2018 FEBRUARY AND JULY ISSUES.
- G) ONE MONTH OF DISPLAY ADVERTISING ON SINGINGNEWS.COM AND SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM

THE NINE (9) SEMI-FINALIST RUNNERS-UP CONSOLATION PRIZES WILL BE:

- A) SHARED STORY IN THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE
- B) A ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SINGING NEWS MAGAZINE
- C) ONE SONG RELEASED THROUGH NEW MUSIC REVIEW (PENDING APPROVAL BY STAFF) DURING THE 2018 YEAR.

THE WINNING GRAND PRIZE WINNER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND EXPENSES TO AND FROM THEIR PERFORMANCES AT THE GRAND PRIZE STAGES/EVENTS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ANY TRANSPORTATION BREAKDOWNS AND / OR EMERGENCIES.

THE TEN SEMI-FINALISTS THE WINNING GRAND PRIZE WINNER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND EXPENSES TO AND FROM THEIR PERFORMANCES AT THE SING OFF IN THE NASHVILLE AREA. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ANY TRANSPORTATION BREAKDOWNS AND / OR EMERGENCIES.

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 SEMI-FINALISTS NAMES TO BE POSTED AT WWW.SINGINGNEWS.COM AND WWW.SINGINGNEWSRADIO.COM ONCE THE SEMI-FINALISTS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED UPON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONTEST.