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2014 NEW ARTIST SEARCH | OFFICIAL RULES

1. The “Singing News-Solid Gospel New Artist Search” 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 guardian) who: (a) resides in the continental United States; (b) is not a party to a current recording contract and has not appeared on the top 10 of the Singing News Chart; and (c) registers within the available registration window by completing an official entry form located at www.SingingNews.com or www.SolidGospel.com. The form must be printed out and mailed along with a demo CD or DVD of one song showcasing the entrant’s singing ability to Singing News-Solid Gospel New Artist Search, 402 BNA Drive, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37217. No entries will be accepted prior to February 11, 2014. All entries must be received on May 6, 2014 at 11:59 PM CDT and must include a check or money order for the entry fee. The early entry deadline is 11:59 PM CDT on March 31, 2014 with an early entry fee of \$39.98. The regular entry deadline is 11:59 PM CDT on May 6, 2014 and the regular entry fee is \$50.00. Entries may be original or covers and they may use a music track or instrumental backup. Entries in MP3 or other digital file formats will not be accepted. Each entrant may submit more than one demo CD or DVD to show their vocal talent as long as a separate entry form and fee is submitted with each song. No entries may contain more than one (1) song. Employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, and immediate family and household members of Salem Publishing Inc. and Reach Satellite Network, Inc. (collectively “Promoter”), its parent company, its parent’s affiliated companies, and its advertising and promotion agencies are not eligible to participate in the Contest. All entries will become the property of Promoter and will not be returned.
2. There will be one (1) Grand Prize winner and nine (9) Runner Up winners (“Finalists”). The ten (10) Finalists will be selected by the official judges (collectively “Contest Judge”), based solely on their opinion of the musicality, originality, and marketability of the artist, from among all entries postmarked by 11:59 p.m. May 6, 2014. The ten (10) Finalists will be notified by telephone and/or email (“Finalist Notice”) between May 6th and May 13th, 2014 and given details of the Talent Show Contest to be held June 13-14, 2014 at The Smoky Mountain Resorts in Pigeon Forge, TN. Finalists will have up to 48-hours from the time the Finalist Notice is sent (whether the prospective Finalist received the message or not) to confirm their participation in the Talent Show Contest. Late responses will be accepted only at the sole discretion of Promoter. In order to be considered for the Grand Prize, each Finalist will need to: (a) be at the Smoky

Mountain Resorts in Pigeon Forge, TN for the Contest's southern gospel event the evening of June 13, 2014; (b) fully participate in the Talent Show Contest during the day on Saturday, June 14th and; (c) be present for the grand prize announcement the evening of June 14, 2014. Each Finalist will receive a free hotel room from the Smoky Mountain Resorts in Pigeon Forge, TN ("Locale") for two (2) nights: June 13th 2014 and June 14th, 2014. Additionally, each Finalist will receive a \$150 gift card (from a provider selected by Promoter in its sole discretion) to use toward any personal travel and meals expenses. No other provisions for travel, meals, lodging or other expenses related to this Contest will be made. Promoter reserves all rights to extend participation in the Talent Show Contest to any other eligible Entrants in Contest should any chosen Finalist elect not to participate at the Talent Show Contest for any reason.

3. In addition to the e-mail or phone notification described in Paragraph 2 above, the Finalists will be announced on Solid Gospel Radio Network on or around 12:00 PM CDT on May 13, 2014. Entrants need not be listening during the May 13, 2014 announcement to become a Finalist. The Finalists must complete an affidavit of eligibility and liability and, where lawful, publicity release. If Promoter does not receive the affidavit and release within two (2) weeks of sending notification, the prize may be forfeited and an alternate winner may be selected. Except where prohibited by law, by signing the affidavit and release, each winner grants permission to the use of his/her/its name, likeness, picture, portrait, hometown, service mark, voice, biographical/other information, the recording submitted by winner to enter the contest, featured stories and any content related thereto, and statements for advertising and promotional purposes for this and other promotions by Promoter without additional compensation. The prizes will be awarded after all required proof and documentation is received. The Grand Prize winner will have until December 31, 2014 to redeem the elements of the Grand Prize which are not associated with the Talent Show Contest. Runner Up winners will have until December 31st, 2014 to redeem the elements of their Runner Up prizes, which are not associated with the Talent Show Contest. Odds of winning depend on the total number of entries received and the evaluation of the Contest Judges and audience vote. Promoter is not responsible for lost, late, damaged or mishandled entries.
4. There is one (1) Grand Prize: The Grand Prize winner will be selected from the Finalists as the winner of The Talent Show Contest on June 14, 2014 at the Locale. Grand Prize winner selection will be determined through voting, with the Contest Judge votes making up fifty (50) percent of the vote; the audience vote making up the other fifty (50) percent. In the event of a tie, the Contest Judge will make, in its sole discretion, the final determination of the Grand Prize winner.

The Grand Prize includes an opportunity to co-headline and perform live with Gold City ("Headline Act") for fifteen (15) minutes at the Locale following the Talent Show Contest on June 14, 2014. (Promoter reserves the right to change the Headline Act in its sole discretion). The Grand Prize also includes a \$400 travel

voucher to be used at a later date sometime in 2014, toward round trip transportation for the Grand Prize winner from a major U.S. airport to Nashville, TN, plus hotel accommodations for one (1) night in Nashville, TN, and dinner at the hotel or other restaurant selected by Promoter. The travel voucher will be reduced to \$200 should the Grand Prize winner reside within five (5) hours driving distance to Nashville, TN, as determined in the sole discretion of the Promoter. During his or her trip to Nashville, TN, the Grand Prize winner will record one single record with Singing News Magazine, receive mentoring by the Singing News or Solid Gospel Radio Network staff (consisting of guidance in selecting the right single to be released, and the oversight of the production of the single to be recorded at a studio provided by Singing News), and have a meeting with the National Program Director for Solid Gospel Radio Network. The Grand Prize winner will also receive national airplay during a new artist showcase on Solid Gospel Radio Network, and distribution of his or her single on a future "Just Call It Southern" CD. The Grand Prize package has an approximate retail value of \$3,000.00. No transfer, substitution, or cash equivalent will be given for the Grand Prize, provided however, Promoter may, at its sole discretion, substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

5. There are nine (9) Runner Up prizes: The Runner Up prizes will be awarded to the Finalists who did not win the Grand Prize after performing at the Talent Show Contest at the Locale. Each Runner Up winner's songs will be featured on a New Artist Showcase on Solid Gospel Radio Network and will be featured together in one article in Singing News magazine. Each Runner up also will receive a one-year Singing News magazine subscription. Each Runner Up prize has an approximate value of \$500.00. No transfer, substitution, or cash equivalent will be given for the Runner Up prize, provided however, Promoter may, at its sole discretion, substitute a prize of equal or greater value.
6. 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 the Promoter and Contest Judge. All decisions regarding the Contest including, but not limited to, selecting the winner, will be made by the Contest Judge, whose decision shall be final. The Contest Judge may prohibit an entrant from participating in this Contest, in his 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 or Promoter, its parent company, its parent's affiliated companies or its advertising and promotion agencies, or (iii) in any other disruptive manner. The winner is solely responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes, and may be required to complete a W-9 taxpayer identification form. All federal, state, and local laws apply. **By participating in the Contest, each entrant agrees to release and hold Promoter, the Contest Judge, its parent company and its parent's affiliated companies harmless from any and all losses, damages, rights, claims, and actions of any kind in connection with the Contest or resulting from acceptance, possession, or use of any prize, including, without**

limitation, personal injuries, death, and property damage, and claims based on any libel, slander, illegal competition or trade practice, violation of rights of privacy, infringement of copyrights or other rights of third parties.

7. To find out the winners of the Contest, send your e-mail request to Contests@SalemPublishing.com or look for the winner's name posted on the [Singing News.com](http://SingingNews.com) or SolidGospel.com web site, once the name has become available upon the conclusion of the Contest.