

DERBY IDOL

Saturday, May 1, 2010

**Semi-finals & Finals @ Grant County Courthouse Stage
in Downtown Williamstown**

Auditions: Williamstown City Building - Friday, April 9 at 6:30pm

Any entries received or postmarked after April 06, 2010, will not be accepted. *No exceptions*

Contestants must sign a PUBLICITY RELEASE AGREEMENT and a LIABILITY WAIVER AGREEMENT (if you are under age 18, your parent or guardian must sign the agreement on your behalf) *No exceptions*

During auditions, only those singing can enter the building - no children, no friends, no family

No video, no display of lyrics allowed

Contestant order will be chosen by lots

Do not audition if you cannot attend Semi-finals & Finals on Saturday, May 1st.

Do not audition if you are not able to take criticism

RULES

Eligibility:

Contestants must meet each of the following criteria to audition...

- be an amateur (you cannot have an earned income due to singing at any time within the last year)
- have reached his/her 15th birthday by May 1, 2010 or attend High School.
- not a prior Williamstown Derby Idol competition grand prize winner.

Contestants will be required show proof of age. A picture ID, driver's license, current high school ID, state ID or birth certificate will be accepted.

Music:

Any music containing vulgar or inappropriate lyrics for a family environment will be cause for immediate disqualification. ***No exceptions***

Semi-finals and Finals

- Accompaniment may contain harmony vocals ONLY.
- ***NO lead vocals permitted.*** If lead vocals found on track, it will be cause for immediate disqualification.
No exceptions

- Accompaniment should be recorded only onto CD's (no cassette tapes) supplied by contestant. CD's will be returned.
- No musical instruments

Preliminary Round – Auditions (Friday, April 9th, 2010):

Auditions are scheduled to start at 6:30pm at the **Williamstown City Building** (*PLEASE ARRIVE BY 6:00 pm!!*)

Only those auditioning can enter the building - no children, no friends, no family.

Contestant must perform alone - Solo performance/Individual Audition - Only one person can perform at a time.

Contestant must sing a song before the judges without accompaniment (no music) and no display of lyrics.

Contestant must limit song to 1 minute verse & chorus.

Contestants only have one chance to impress the Judges.

Decisions of the Judges will be concluded after the preliminary round.

The semi- finalists will be called and arrangements will be made as to the song the contestant will perform on Saturday, May 1st at the Courthouse Stage in Downtown Williamstown.

Semi-Final and Final Rounds – Derby (Saturday, May 1st, 2010):

Semi-Final Round and Final Round will be at the **Courthouse Stage in Downtown Williamstown.**

Contestants must submit the song title they have chosen to perform in the semi-finals on or before Wednesday, April 28th to Jeanne at the Williamstown City Building (824-3633 or jhartinger@wtownky.org).

If chosen for the semi-finals, contestants will sing a complete song of their choice to pre-recorded accompaniment for a period of no more than four (4) minutes.

If chosen for the finals, contestants will sing a second complete song of their choice (preferably of a different genre and/or tempo) to pre-recorded accompaniment for a period of no more than four (4) minutes.

Contestants must arrive ready to perform.

Performance order will be chosen by lots.

No video, no display of lyrics allowed.

Decision of the judges will be announced after allotted contestants have performed in each round.

Final Round will consist of a select number of contestants, based upon their scores from the Semi-Final Round.

Scoring:

The semi-finalists, finalists and winner will be selected by a panel of judges. The judges will score contestants on a point system as a guideline. Scores will be reviewed after each round and the judges will determine their final choices.

Scoring will be out of a total of 35 points possible.

Contestants will be judged on the following categories:

- Vocal Ability (0-15 points)
- Stage Presence/Charisma (0-10 points)
- Star Quality/Marketability (0-5 points)
- Technical Difficulty of Song (0-5 points)

Finals Only, includes 4 categories listed above +

- Range Demonstration
 - Genre
 - Tempo
 - Octave

As compared to the contestant's Semi-final performance

In the event of a tie, the first tie-breaker shall be the highest number of points given in the Vocal category. The second tiebreaker shall be the highest number of points awarded in the Stage Presence/Charisma category. The third tiebreaker shall be by a secret vote of the judges based on overall performance style and impact.

The decision of the judges is final. The City of Williamstown reserves the right to interpret the rules as deemed necessary.

The top scorer of the Final Round will be proclaimed "Derby Idol 2010" and receives a check for \$1,000.00 as the grand prize.

General Conditions

THIS IS A CONTEST OF SKILL. NO PURCHASE OR ENTRY FEE IS NECESSARY TO ENTER. Decisions of the Judges are final. By participating in this Contest, each entrant accepts and agrees to be bound by these official rules and all decisions of judges. These Contest Rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Festival Committee, City of Williamstown and the Derby Idol judges. Any contestant found to be in violation of any of these Rules will be ineligible for any prize money. THIS CONTEST IS VOID WHEREVER PROHIBITED AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS.

All federal, state, and local taxes, fees and surcharges on the prize(s) are the sole responsibility of the prize winner(s).

All contestants grant the City of Williamstown and its affiliates and their successors and assigns the absolute right and permission to use contestant's name, address, voice, photograph, video or other likeness in any manner they deem appropriate, including without limitation, broadcast of contestant's performance in the Contest, or to refrain from doing so, in any manner or media whatsoever, worldwide, for any purpose as determined by them without notice or compensation. Contestants further hereby fully release and waive any and all claims for the use, alteration, distortion or illusionary effect or use in any composite form of contestant's name, address, photograph, video or likeness and agree that contestants shall not have any right of approval or right to compensation in connection with such uses.

By entering, each contestant releases and agrees to hold harmless the City of Williamstown, its affiliates, vendors, suppliers and advertising, promotional and judging agencies, and the respective owners, directors, officers, employees and agents of the foregoing, from any and all liability, claims or actions of

any kind whatsoever for injuries, damages or losses to persons and/or property which may be sustained in connection with the contestant's participation in the Contest.

As a condition of participating in this Contest, contestant agrees that any and all disputes which cannot be resolved between and the parties, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Grant County, Kentucky, which court shall apply the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky without regard for rules of conflicts of law. In any such dispute, contestant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than contestant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the Contest, and contestant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Limitations of Liability

City of Williamstown is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information associated with or utilized in the Contest or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of submissions or entries in the Contest, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. If, for any reason, the Contest is not capable of completion as planned, the City of Williamstown reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest.

IN NO EVENT WILL THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN, ITS AFFILIATES, VENDORS, SUPPLIERS AND ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONAL AND JUDGING AGENCIES, AND THE RESPECTIVE OWNERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS OF THE FOREGOING, BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR LOSSES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF CONTESTANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST OR ANY PRIZE AWARDED.

List of Winners

For the name of the winner(s), after May 4th, 2010, mail a separate, self-addressed stamped envelope to:

City of Williamstown
Derby Day Idol Winners List
Attn: Jeanne Hartinger
400 N. Main Street
Williamstown, Kentucky 41097

Sponsor

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