



2009 San Diego A Cappella Festival Rules and Regulations

Date and Time: Sunday, June 21, 2009

Location: The Paddock Stage

Entry Deadline: Friday, May 15, 2009

Description: Best A Cappella group of singers with 3 to 10 members. Stylistically, anything is acceptable, Jazz, Pop, Doo-Wop, Barbershop, Rock, Country, Aboriginal Folk, Classical, Comedy, Techno, R&B, Soul, Funk, Rap, etc. Creativity is encouraged.

Eligibility:

- Open to all Continental United States and Baja California residents. Employees of the San Diego County Fair (22nd District Agricultural Association /Del Mar Fairgrounds), its families, subsidiaries and affiliates are not eligible.
- Attire and image, as well as content of performance, must be suitable for family viewing, both in live performance and on any music video that is submitted.
- Intoxication, use or possession of any controlled substance, or impolite, discourteous or obscene speech or conduct toward, or in hearing range of the public or staff will be sufficient grounds to terminate your participation in this contest.
- The San Diego County Fair reserves the right to record and photograph any performance for promotional purposes, with no claim for proceeds or any claim to ownership by the group. The San Diego County Fair retains ownership of all recordings and photographs produced during this event.

A parent or guardian, over age 21, must accompany those under the age of 18. Attendance is required at the check-in time and competition time for each group member. One member will be able to sing in more than one performance group, however, a group will not be able to rename itself and compete twice by adding or deleting a member. Please remember performances and attire must be appropriate for a family audience.

Entry procedure:

Please note that San Diego County Fair neither retains nor returns promotional materials. The San Diego County Fair is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, stolen or misappropriated entries.

- Applications must be submitted by mail and postmarked by **May 15, 2009**. Faxed, emailed, or walk-in applications will not be accepted. Contestants chosen to perform at the San Diego County Fair will be notified by June 1, 2009.
- You **must** include with your application:
 - o An MP3/CD sample of your songs
 - o A photo of your group.
Preferences for the photo are:
 - * JPG format
 - * Medium to high resolution.
 - * Because the photo may be displayed on the Fair's Web site as square in

shape as possible, we prefer a photo with a ratio no larger than 3:4 or 4:3. For example, a photo measuring 3 inches by 4 inches, or 4 inches by 3 inches.

* Photos may be cropped as needed by Fair personnel for use on the Fair Web site and other materials.

- A very brief bio, no more than 100 words, Bio must include name, and where you are from (region or city, for example, East San Diego County or El Cajon). Optional information can include how long you've been performing, any regular gigs, and any released recordings available to the public.

It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the submitted songs are complete and playable. The San Diego County Fair does not give feedback or a critique to entrants.

Length of Performance:

Recorded audition samples can be any length. The time limit for the competition will be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Selection Criteria:

- Each application will be reviewed by a Fair Selection Committee on the basis of the following:
 - Timely receipt of a completed application
 - Uniqueness and appeal of performance
 - Performance and attire appropriate for a family audience
 - Overall presentation of application and promotional materials
- The sole decision for selection rests with the Fair Management. The 22nd D.A.A./San Diego County Fair has the right to reject any application for just cause.
- Chosen contestants will be notified by mail from the Fairgrounds after all entries have been received and by June 1, 2009.

Stage and Backstage Information:

Upon request, there will be space for each group to warm up and time for a microphone check before the contest.

Judging:

Contestants will be judged on:

- Musicality, Creativity and Originality, Style and Showmanship, Audience Enjoyment

Prizes:

1st Place \$1,000, 2nd Place \$500, and 3rd Place \$250. Prize will be payable by a State of California check. All federal, state, and local taxes, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of winner.

More prizes to be announced!

For more information please visit our Web site at www.sdfair.com/fair, call the contest info line, (858) 794-1059, or contact Special Events at performancecontests@sdfair.com or (858)755-1161 ext 2363.