



2009 San Diego County Fair

## 2009 San Diego County Fair Elvis Tribute Contest

### Rules and Regulations

#### Contest Date:

Sunday, June 28, 2009

#### Deadline for entries: May 15, 2009

#### Description

This year at the San Diego County Fair we are hosting an Elvis Tribute contest to celebrate Music Mania. We are looking for the best Elvis Impersonators in Southern California. All eras of Elvis are acceptable. Looks, style, singing ability, and charm are all to be judged at the San Diego County Fair 2009!

#### Eligibility

- Open to all Continental United States and Baja California residents. Employees of the San Diego County Fair (22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association /Del Mar Fairgrounds), its families, subsidiaries and affiliates are not eligible.
- All performers must be 18 and older by the application date of May 15, 2009.
- 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 performer. The San Diego County Fair retains ownership of all recordings and photographs produced during this event.

#### 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 no later than **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 of **your** songs in tribute to Elvis
  - o A photo of you dressed in Elvis Tribute attirePreferences for the still 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, please submit 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.
  - \* Head shots are preferred.
  - \* 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.

### **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.

### **Judging**

- The only props allowed on the stage during the contest are scarves and/or a musical instrument. All other props are prohibited.
- Performers cannot leave the stage area when performing, nor can they throw items into the audience.
- Judging for the contest will be done on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) on the following categories: Vocals, Appearance, Performance, Stage Presence, and Overall Performance. The Performer receiving the highest overall total score will be the winner.
- In the case of tie scores, the Performer receiving the highest score in the "Overall Performance" judging category will be the winner. If the "Overall Performance" category is also a tie, the winner will be chosen based on the highest score in the following categories in this order: 1. Vocals; 2. Appearance; 3. Performance; 4. Stage Presence.
- Contestants, representatives of contestants, and relatives of contestants cannot interact with judges prior to or during the contest

Entrant acknowledges that all music/performances entered may be distributed to judges who will be selecting the winners, and entrant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold the San Diego County Fair, its sponsors, and judges harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in the San Diego County Fair competition.

By entering this competition, the entrant agrees to accept and be bound by the decisions of the San Diego County Fair and its judges, which are final and binding in all matters. Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of these official San Diego County Fair Rules and Regulations as established herein.

### **Prizes**

- \$1,000 1<sup>st</sup> Place prize, \$250 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$175 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Prize will be payable by a State of California check. All federal, state, and local taxes and customs fees, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of winner.
- If additional prizes are awarded in connection with this contest, there will be no transfer and substitution of prizes except as necessary due to availability, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded. If it is necessary to substitute a prize, the San Diego County Fair reserves the right to give the winner a cash substitute determined by the wholesale value of the prize. All winners agree to release the San Diego County Fair and sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won. All federal, state, and local

taxes and customs fees, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of winner. The San Diego County Fair will not pay any winners' taxes. Prizes will be sent out within a reasonable amount of time, and the San Diego County Fair will use its best efforts to send prizes out in a timely fashion. Please note that prizes which are being sent to winners from sponsors may take longer than prizes sent directly from the San Diego County Fair. If the winner has not received any portion of prizes within 30 days, and has not responded to the San Diego County Fair's communication, the San Diego County Fair is no longer responsible for delivery of prizes.

- NOTE: Dates, times, and contest locations are subject to change due to unforeseeable circumstance.