



City of Byram
Swinging Bridge Festival
***Byram Idol* Singing Contest – 2016**

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016 – 10AM
Jackson Dragway, 7557 S. Siwell Road in Byram



RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.** This contest is open to persons 5-10 and 11-18 years of age. Anyone related to any member or volunteer of the Swinging Bridge Festival Planning Group is not permitted to participate. None of the judges' immediate family may participate. All contestants must have parental or legal guardian consent to participate.
- 2.** Contestants must be amateur singers or entertainers and do not belong to any professional organization (s) connected with the entertainment industry. None of the paid performers of the Swinging Bridge Festival may participate.
- 3.** Entries for the contest must be received by SBFBPG by **July 22nd, 2016**. To enter, complete the attached application form and mail to:

Byram Swinging Bridge 2016 - Singing Contest

C/O Lareka Washington

5901 Terry Road

Byram, MS 39272

Contact Lareka Washington at 601-372-7746 or lwashington@byram-ms.us.

- 4.** THERE IS NO FEE TO ENTER THE CONTEST.
- 5.** SBFBPG has the right at any time to require proof of identity and/or eligibility. Failure to provide such proof within a reasonable time could result in disqualification from the competition. All personal details and information requested by SBFBPG by each contestant must be truthful, accurate and in no way misleading. S B F P G reserves the right to disqualify any contestant from the competition or auditioning process in its sole discretion, should the contestant at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information or should the contestant be ineligible for the competition pursuant to these rules.
- 6.** By submission of an application and entering into this contest, each contestant represents and warrants his or her compliance with these rules and regulations. No contestant will be permitted to perform unless he or she has acknowledged and agreed to these rules and regulations.
- 7.** By entering, each contestant agrees that SBFBPG has the right to use their names, likenesses, and images of all persons performing for future advertising, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised in perpetuity.
- 8.** By participating in this contest, contestants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges. S B F P G is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the administration of the contest or in the announcement of the prize.

AUDITIONS & PERFORMANCE

- 9.** No auditions will be held.
- 10.** A contestant may only perform as a solo act, and no duets or group performances will be permitted.
- 11.** Contestants **MAY NOT** utilize live props, back-up singers, dancers or animals. Non-human props such as costumes and other accessories are permitted. Contestants may accompany themselves or have one accompaniment of a live musical instrument.

- 12.** Contestants must supply their own background tracks on a single CD. Background music must be clear of lead vocal singers, only musical band instruments are acceptable and light harmonies.
- 13.** Contestants are not permitted to leave the stage or stage area during their performance. This includes singing or performing within the audience.
- 14.** The time limit for each contestant is 3-5 minutes. No more than one song may be sung within the time limit. Songs going over 5 minutes will be shut off. Judges will be instructed to not deduct points due to a song being shut off.
- 15.** Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.
- 16.** No changes in song choice may be made once the contestant has delivered the background CD to the sound person. CD's must be given to the sound person 30 minutes prior to their performance. For the sake of the other contestants and keeping the flow of the contest in order, please be available to perform one hour prior to your audition time. If not, you could forfeit your turn and possibly be disqualified. Also - when entering and exiting the stage, please be prompt.
- 17.** Songs containing vulgar or explicit sexual lyrics will not be allowed. Contestants who, during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, including without limitation those referencing or depicting violence, nudity or explicit activity or which are not in the spirit of the contest or do not meet SBFPG standards for any reason, as determined by SBFPG will be disqualified from the competition.
- 18.** Contestants and their families are not allowed to have contact with any contest judge before or during the competition. Contact includes verbal conversations and handshakes. Please don't hang out in back of or around the judge's area.
- 19.** Contestants, and/or their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the contest may result in the disqualification of that contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior includes poor sportsmanship, bad manners, and lack of decorum.
- 20.** The order in which each contestant competes shall be determined by SBFPG.

JUDGING

- 21.** Contestants will be scored using a 50-point system:
 - * Vocal Ability (rhythm/pitch/phrasing): 1-30 points
 - * Stage Presence (movement/confidence/command): 1-10 points
 - * Appearance (costume/attire): 1-10 points
- 22.** All decisions and interpretations regarding the contest, its rules, and the selection of the winner remain with the judges, SBFPG, its agents, and representatives, and are final.

PRIZES

- 23.** A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be announced in each age group (5-10, 11-18). Each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will receive a trophy and possibly a cash award. In the event of a tie the Prize will be split between the winners.
- 24.** The odds of winning will depend on the number of contestants and the quality of their performances.
- 25.** The winner will be selected, and then announced, immediately following the contest and after the scores has been calculated.

**1st Annual
Swinging Bridge Festival
“Byram Idol” Singing Contest
2016 Application**

PERFORMANCE DATE: Saturday July 30, 2016

TIME: 10:00am

LOCATION: Jackson/Byram Dragway, 7557 S. Siwell Rd.

Contestant

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___

Phone # _____ Parent’s E-Mail: _____

Address _____ Gender: Male Female

I am the parent or guardian of the applicant and consent to his/her participation in the contest.

Date: ___/___/___

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Thank You for your application, we will contact you shortly.

To help assure your entry, completed forms should be delivered before July 22, 2016 to:

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