



Voices of the Future Songwriting Competition 2008

Dear Songwriters,

We would like to extend to you a warm invitation to participate in the "Voices of the Future Songwriting Competition", created to encourage and facilitate growth for young aspiring songwriters. Evaluation of art is, by nature, subjective; therefore, please consider this recognition of talent rather than merely a competition. Entrants will be evaluated and rewarded for creativity, originality and artistry rather than novelty or commercial viability.

To enter this year's competition, please submit one CD recording of one original song, one legible lyric sheet and a completed application form signed by the songwriter or authorized representative. The CD must be labeled with your name, the song title, and email or snail mail address and phone number. Entries will not be returned. Please do not send your ONLY copy.

Additional entry forms may be photocopied or downloaded from the Nor-East'r website at www.noreastr.net.

Submissions are also being accepted via www.noreastr.net. Click on "Contest/Giveaways" and follow the link to the "Song Contest".

THE REST OF THE RULES

- **Entries must be postmarked by February 28, 2008.**
Please do not send registered mail. We will not pick up entries at the Post Office. Late entries will not be included in the competition.
- Please do not send any bios, press kits, or other literature.
- **Entrants must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and be current residents of the continental United States.**
 - All entrants must have attained the age of thirteen years of age and must not have exceeded the age of seventeen years of age by February 28, 2008.
- The song entered must be previously unrecorded, non-commercially released and wholly original. Entries must not infringe on any existing copyright or other rights of any third party. If there are co-writers they must also be between the ages of 13 and 17.
- We will accept only one submission per person.
- Incomplete Entries will not be processed or returned.

The quality of the recording will not be considered during the judging process but points may be deducted if the lyrics are unintelligible. Judges will be evaluating the song based purely on the quality of the writing.

A panel of music industry professionals will select the winners from the final round of judging.

Entries should be sent to the following address:

Songwriters Anonymous/ Young Voices Songwriting Competition
Home Street Music
P O Box 300332
Waterford, MI 48330

Thank you for your interest.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Winners are not required to attend the festival to receive their prizes.
- Winners will be notified by email, standard post or phone on or around May 15, 2008. The names of the winners will be posted on the Nor-East'r website at www.noreastr.net. Please do not contact us with questions about the status of your entry.
- Transportation costs to and from events will not be provided by the competition and are solely the responsibility of the contestant.
- "Voices of the Future" is not responsible for loss or damage to entries prior to actual receipt.
- Prizes have no cash value.
- If any awardee is unable to attend the Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters, the scholarship may be transferred to the next place winner within the contest at the sole discretion of the Voices of the Future Contest"

ABOUT THE PRIZES:

FIRST PRIZE:

One winner will be awarded a full scholarship with registration for two (winner and a chaperone) to Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters held in Harbor Springs, MI. Choose the weekend of Nov. 2st-4th or Nov. 9th-11th, 2008.

For more information on Lamb's Retreat go to: <http://www.springfed.org/Songwriters.html>

First prize winner will also be awarded two passes to the Nor-East'r Music Festival in 2008

SECOND PRIZE:

One winner will be awarded one \$75 gift certificate from Elderly Music in Lansing MI and two passes to the Nor-East'r Music Festival in 2008.

THIRD PRIZE:

One winner will be awarded two passes to the Nor-East'r Music Festival in 2008.

All three prize winners will be given the opportunity to perform their winning songs on the main stage at the 2007 Nor-East'r Music and Arts Festival. If the winner so wishes, a Songwriters Anonymous performer may be selected to perform their songs for them in their place.

Prizes were been provided by:

Springfed Arts and Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters - <http://www.springfed.org/Songwriters.html>

AnnArborAlive Internet Radio - www.a3radio.com

NorEast'r Music and Arts Festival - www.noreastr.net

Elderly Instruments - <http://www.elderly.com/>

**VOICES OF THE FUTURE SONGWRITING COMPETITION
SONGWRITER APPLICATION**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

SONG TITLE: _____

CO-WRITERS (IF ANY) & BIRTHDATES: _____

Don't Forget to Include:

1. One CD containing one song only.
2. One lyric sheet (typed or hand printed legible and titled)
3. CD and lyric sheet should be clearly labeled with writer's name.
4. Completed entry form.

Your entry serves as permission to the "Voices of the Future Songwriting Competition" to use entered material for promotional purposes, including radio, print media and television. Entrant's materials cannot be returned. Copyrighting and performance rights are the sole responsibility of the artist. Entrant agrees to indemnify the "Voices of the Future Songwriting Competition", Songwriters Anonymous, *Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters* and the Nor-East'r Music and Arts Festival for any liability for **copyright infringement**.

Entrants will retain all rights to their submissions.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF LEGAL GUARDIAN _____

For Further information contact: homestmusic@aol.com

Send to:
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