

mountain SOUL vocal competition

VOCAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

Sevierville, TN is the hometown of America's biggest country legend – Dolly Parton. So far during her prolific career, she has penned over 3,000 songs! As a tribute to her song writing, Sevierville's Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass is presenting the 8th Annual **Mountain Soul Vocal Competition**.

Contestants must sing a song written by Dolly Parton in the style of his or her own choosing – that may be country, bluegrass, rock, rap, etc. It is not necessary nor is it encouraged to impersonate Dolly physically or vocally at this competition. Simply sing the song in the way most suited to your vocal style. **Contestants may not sing I Will Always Love You or Jolene. Too many people enter these songs in the competition, causing a lack of variety. Be certain you select a song Dolly has WRITTEN. (Several well known songs Dolly sings (such as Here You Come Again) were written by other people and are ineligible for this competition. For a complete list of the 3,000 songs Dolly has written, please visit www.dollymania.net*

As far as event organizers know, this is the only vocal competition of its type anywhere. Twenty (20) finalists in the ages 13 and up category and ten (10) finalists in the 12 and under category will be chosen to come to Sevierville, TN on May 19, 2012 and compete in the **Mountain Soul Vocal Competition finals**.

*****Please Note*****

Contestants must sing a song that Dolly Parton wrote, not simply a song she recorded. Please be careful in your song selection. There are several well-known songs recorded by Dolly that she did not write such as "Here You Come Again", "Why'd You Come in Here Looking Like That," "He's Alive," etc. To be sure your song is Dolly-written, go to www.dollymania.net or do an online search for the song and writer.

Contestants not singing songs written by Dolly Parton will be disqualified.

Contestants will be judged by a panel of entertainment professionals both during the preliminary round and the finals. The winner of the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition will receive: Ages 13+ a check for \$500, a studio recording session in world famous Nashville, TN and a guitar autographed by Dolly Parton; Ages 12 and under a check for \$100, 2 season passes to Dollywood and a guitar autographed by Dolly Parton.

The final round of competition begins at 11:30 am Saturday, May 19, 2012 by the Dolly Parton statue on the lawn of the Sevier County Courthouse.

Entry Deadlines:

Postmarked by April 13, 2012

Completed Entry Form

Tape, CD, VHS, or DVD of contestant singing Dolly song of his / her own choosing

Ages 13+ \$10 Entry Fee (Check made payable to: Sevierville Chamber of Commerce)

Ages 12 and under \$5 Entry Fee (Check made payable to: Sevierville Chamber of Commerce)

Mail completed packet to:

Mountain Soul Vocal Competition

c/o Sevierville Chamber of Commerce

110 Gary Wade Blvd.

Sevierville, TN 37862

Judging: Finalists will be judged on vocal ability, stage presence, appearance, and style.

Award Notification:

Finalists will be notified during the week of April 16, 2012.

All finalists are responsible for their own transportation to the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition Finals.

Prizes break down as follows:

Ages 13 and Up

First Prize \$500 + Nashville Recording Session at Sound Wave Studios & Accommodations

Second Prize \$300

Third Prize \$200

Ages 12 and Under

First Prize \$100 + 2 Season Passes to Dollywood

Second Prize \$50 + 2 Day Passes to Dollywood

Third Prize \$25 + 2 Day Passes to Dollywood

Questions? Please contact the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce at (865) 453-6411 or 1-888-889-7415. Contestants, please familiarize yourselves with all rules.

RULES

All interested contestants must begin by filling out and submitting an application (available at www.bloominbbq.com) along with an entry fee (\$10 ages 13 and up / \$5 ages 12 and under), and a cd, tape, vhs or dvd of contestant singing the Dolly Parton song of his or her own choosing in his or her own style. The top 20 vocalists in the 13+ category and top 10 vocalists in the 12 and under category will be selected to attend Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass and compete in the Mountain Soul Vocal Competition Finals on May 19, 2012 in Sevierville, TN.

Rules:

Preliminary Round:

1. Contestant must sing a song written by Dolly Parton. It is not necessary to impersonate Dolly Parton vocally or physically. Please sing her songs in the style that is most representative of your vocal abilities.
2. Contestants may be male or female.
3. Contestants may sing the song in a style of his / her own choosing (i.e., country, bluegrass, rap, rock, swing, etc).
4. Contestants must submit, via mail, a cd, tape, vhs or dvd of him or herself singing a Dolly Parton song in his or her own style.
5. If chosen as a finalist, contestants must sing the same Dolly Parton song submitted in the preliminary round at the Mountain Soul finals on May 19, 2012 in Sevierville, TN.
6. Entries and fees must be postmarked by April 13, 2012.
7. All contestants will be informed of their status as of the week of April 16, 2012.

Final Round:

8. Finalist must provide his / her own accompaniment, which may include a tape, cd or live musical accompaniment (**up to one other person only**). Live accompanist may not sing along or provide vocal back up.
9. Sound system will be provided. Finalists will not be able to bring their own sound equipment.
10. Finalists must be registered to compete by 11am and remain onsite from at least 11am – 2pm. Contest will begin at 11:30am Saturday, May 19, 2012.

Please retain a copy of these rules for your records.