



Italian-American Idol Competition



Elimination Round – August 16-17, 2008

Age Divisions:

- 13-18
- 19-35

Application: Application and application fee of \$40 must be received no later than July 18, 2008. Applicants do not need to be Italian or Italian-American.

Song Selection: You may sing any song you choose but it must be sung "a cappella".

Judging: There will be at least three judges whose rankings will be worth 100% of your score. Participants will be judged on vocal performance (voice and tone quality, beat, melody and lyrics) as well as stage presence (poise, performance, and appearance). The Elimination round is open to the public.

Winners: Winners will be contacted via email. The top 10 in each category will go on to compete at the 30th Festa Italiana on October 11th. Additional information about the final round will be given to those contestants who are selected to continue to the final round.

Final Round – October 11, 2008

Competition: Performers will compete within their age division (13-18 and 19-35). Performances will begin at 7:00 and conclude at approximately 9:00pm

Song Selection: You must sing a song that is either in Italian or a popular American song that might have some Italian words in it or a song that was originally recorded by an Italian or an Italian-American Artist. Contestants must bring 2 CDs (NO Cassettes) that can be used as accompaniment but there can be no vocals on the CD.

Judging: There will be at least three judges whose rankings will be worth 75% of your score and the audience ranking will be worth 25%. The Final round is open to anyone in attendance at the festival. If the audience wishes to participate in the judging they must purchase a score card for \$1. In order for their vote to count the entire score card must be completed.

Winners: Winners will be announced on **Sunday, October 12, 2008** at 2:00pm. There will be a 1st (\$500), 2nd (\$250) and 3rd (\$100) place winner for each division. The 1st place winner in the 19-35 division will also receive a recording session with Sunny 99.1 to record an original "winner's song" written by Radio Lounge USA. Winners in both divisions will perform on stage and the 1st place winner in the 19-35 division will perform the original "winner's song" supplied by Sunny 99.1 and Radio Lounge USA.

For more information go to www.HoustonItalianFestival.com

To apply, please complete this form and return it and \$40 check made payable to the Italian Cultural and Community Center by July 18, 2008 to:

Italian Cultural and Community Center • Attn: Italian-American Idol Competition • 1101 Milford • Houston, Texas 77006 • 713-524-4222

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone(Home/Cell): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Elimination Round Song Title and Artist _____

I understand:

1. There are two divisions which are based on your age on September 1, 2008. The organizers reserve the right to combine divisions in the event of insufficient entries.
2. Applicants must not be full-time professional performers. By signing below you verify that you do not earn a living as a professional performer.
3. Applicant must be available for the Elimination Round (August 16-17, 2008), the Final Round (October 11, 2008), and the Awards Ceremony (October 12, 2008).
4. Profanity and/or offensive lyrics or movements will NOT be allowed and are grounds for disqualification. Vocal selections must NOT exceed 3.5 minutes. Elimination Round must be sung "a cappella" and the final round must have musical accompaniment via CD.
5. General Release & Acknowledgement: The undersigned singer and guardian, if under the age of 18, acknowledges and hereby and forever discharges, releases and holds harmless the 30th Festa Italiana, the Federation of Italian American Organizations, its committees, sponsors, and their agents of and from any loss or damage to any person or property while in possession of or under the supervision of the Italian-American Idol Competition and the Festa Italiana and its sponsors. I hereby consent to the enforcement of all rules and instructions of the competition. By signing below, applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read and accepts the conditions as set above. Applicant also certifies that all information provided is true and correct. Signature also represents a commitment to participate. The 30th Festa Italiana reserves all rights to photograph and publish photographs and names of performers.

Artist Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature (if artist is under the age of 18) _____ Date _____