



# Italian-American Idol Competition



**Application:** Application and application fee of \$40 must be received no later than July 17, 2009. Applicants do not need to be Italian or Italian-American.

**Age Divisions:**

13-18 and 19-35

**Elimination Round(s)**

**Dates:** The number of elimination rounds will be determined by the number of entries. Please save the following dates – August 8 and August 15 2009.

**Song Selection:** You may sing any song you choose. Contestants must bring 2 CDs (NO Cassettes) that can be used as accompaniment and there must not be any vocals on the accompaniment music.

**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. More information about this round will be mailed in late July.

**Winners:** Winners will be contacted via email. The winners of the final elimination round will compete at the 31th Festa Italiana on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Additional information about the final round will be given to those contestants who are selected to continue to the final round.

**Final Round – October 16, 2009**

**Competition:** Performers will compete within their age division (13-18 and 19-35). Performances will begin at 7:00 and conclude at approximately 10:00pm

**Song Selection:** You must sing a song that is either completely or partially in Italian or a popular American song that was originally recorded by an Italian or an Italian-American Artist. Contestants must be able to provide their musical accompaniment prior to the final competition by (1) emailing in a MP3 format or (2) mailing 2 CD's as directed by the event coordinator. There must not be any vocals on the accompaniment music. Contestant also must be able to explain how the song is "Italian" in nature.

**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%. 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 18, 2009** at 2:00pm. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> (\$500), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$250) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$100) place winner for each division. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 their winning song on stage.

For more information go to [www.HoustonItalianFestival.com](http://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 17, 2009 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 October 1, 2009. 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 8 and 15, 2009), the Final Round (October 16, 2009), and the Awards Ceremony (October 18, 2009).
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. There must not be any vocals on the accompaniment music.
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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_