



A VOICE FOR HABITAT

2022 SINGING COMPETITION

BENEFITTING
ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Any applications missing required information listed on page 2 will be considered incomplete and not entered into the competition. The entry fee will be forfeited.

TIMELINE

- Registration package and fees are due by **December 1, 2021**.
- Call-backs will be completed by December 5, 2021.
- Round 2 live auditions will be completed by December 12, 2021.
- Sound checks and run through for the finals will be held the morning of Saturday, January 15, 2022.
- Final competition, fundraising event date is the evening of Saturday, January 15, 2022.

THE COMPETITION will take place at the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas. It will be held in three rounds: video auditions, live auditions, and the finals.

AVAILABLE EXPOSURE FOR FINALISTS

- Programs will be provided to those attending the finals round. Each finalist will have a full page of the program dedicated to that contestant. That page will contain the contestant's name, photo, biography, and booking information. Booking information is optional but encouraged.
- Each finalist will be asked to do radio interviews to promote their entry, themselves, ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY and the singing competition. Interviews will be arranged by ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.
- In promoting the singing competition and fundraiser, ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY will promote each finalist including, but not limited to, the EHCC website and social media pages, radio stations, billboards, newspapers, flyers and any other means of advertisement.

PRIZES

- The first place winner will receive \$1,000, a trophy and other prizes to be determined.
- The second place winner will receive \$500.
- The third place winner will receive \$250.
- The People's Choice winner will receive a traveling trophy.
- Cash awards will be made by one check and not split amongst contestant's team members.

WHO MAY ENTER?

- Anyone who is unsigned may enter. Unsigned is defined as an artist who does not currently, or by the date of the final competition, have a signed contract with a record label.
- Contestant may be a solo performer or a vocal team.
- Musical instruments must be portable and carried on and off the stage by the performer as he enters and exits.
- Contestants under the age of 18 must have their natural or legal guardian's permission to participate and be present during all aspects of the competition.
- Former, first-place winners are not eligible to re-enter. However, they may be invited to perform.

PERFORMANCE

- A karaoke machine or screen will not be allowed.
- Monitors and microphones will be supplied. Musical instruments will not be supplied, but may be used, and carried on and off the stage by the performer as he enters and exits.
- All clothing should be modest, not revealing, free of profanity, and suitable for family entertainment.
- The order of performance will be determined by random selection.

MUSIC SELECTION

- Songs must be suitable for family entertainment. A written copy of the song lyrics must be provided to ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY at least 5 days prior to its performance. The judges and ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY reserve the right to disqualify any performer whose performance, dress attire, or song does not meet our family entertainment standards.
- Accompaniment music for all rounds must be free of lead vocals. No sing-a-longs.
- Upon check-in, contestants must provide their own accompaniment music – either live or on a thumb drive. No DVDs.
- Thumb drives must only contain the music to be used for your performance(s).
- Contestants are encouraged to bring a backup thumb drive with their accompaniment music in case of malfunctions.
- Thumb drives must be sealed in an envelope marked with the contestant's name and the name of the song.
- Thumb drives may be picked up after your performance. All recorded media provided by the contestant not picked up will be destroyed after the competition. It will not be mailed back to the contestant.

REGISTRATION

Entrants must submit the following to ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY by **December 1, 2021**, via email at erathhabitatforhumanity@gmail.com. All applications must be submitted as one package. If any items are missing, the application will be considered incomplete. You will not be entered, and the entry fee forfeited.

1. \$35 non-refundable entry fee
2. Copy or screenshot of payment receipt
3. 2 minute, unlisted video link via YouTube
4. High resolution photo
5. Completed and signed registration form
6. If applicable, permission and release form with notarized signature by natural or legal guardian for those who are under age 18

VIDEO AUDITION (ROUND #1)

- Videos must be one song limited to two minutes.
- Videos may be made using a tablet, smart phone, camcorder, or other digital device. They do not have to be of professional quality, but the vocals must be clearly heard.
- Accompaniment music for all rounds must be free of lead vocals. No sing-a-longs.
- Submit video link using YouTube.
- Contestants advancing to the next round will be notified by midnight of Sunday, December 5, 2021.

LIVE AUDITION (ROUND #2)

- Contestants will perform one song limited to four minutes. It does not have to be the same song used in the video audition round #1.
- A written copy of the song lyrics must be provided at least 5 days prior to the performance.
- Upon check-in, contestants must provide their own accompaniment music – either live or on a thumb drive. No DVDs.
- Thumb drives must be sealed in an envelope marked with the contestant's name and the name of the song.
- Thumb drives may be picked up after your performance. All recorded media provided by the contestant not picked up will be destroyed after the competition. It will not be mailed back to the contestant.
- Contestants advancing to the next round will be notified by midnight of December 13, 2021.

FINALS (ROUND #3)

- The finals round will consist of 10 finalists who will perform before qualified, celebrity judges and a live audience on the evening of Saturday, January 15, 2022.
- Two alternate finalists will also be expected to attend the sound check and be available to perform in case a finalist must forfeit. Alternates are eligible to win the People's Choice award.
- Sound checks and a run through will be held the morning of Saturday, January 15, 2022.
- Contestants will perform one song limited to four minutes. It must be the same song performed at the live audition (round #2) or preapproved by ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.
- Contestants will be allowed up to 5 minutes to set up on stage (without sound checks) and up to 3 minutes to strike the stage before the next performance.
- Contestants exceeding their performance time will be faded out.
- The backstage area and the green room are restricted to only ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY staff, the contestants and minors' legal guardians.
- No one will be allowed into the venue without a pass or a ticket. General admission tickets can be purchased at the door as long as seats are available.
- Finalists must be present to receive awards at the end of the competition at approximately 10:45 pm on Saturday, January 15, 2022.
- The winning contestant will be expected to perform an encore after the announcement of the winner. The encore performance can be, but is not required to be, the same song performed for the finals.
- Typed, written copies of the lyrics for the songs being performed must be provided at least 5 days prior to the performance.

JUDGING

- Three individuals with a background in singing, music production, promotion, etc. will be assembled to judge the live audition (round #2) and the finals (round #3).
- At no time should the contestants, their family, or their friends have any communication or interaction, verbally or otherwise, with the judges before or during the competition.
- If you'd wish to receive a copy of the judges' scores for your individual performance, please send an email requesting such.
- Decision of the judges is final.
- Each contestant shall be judged by the following criteria on a scale of 1-10, with a total of 50 possible points:
 1. Singing ability – tone, technique, range and vocal quality
 2. Appearance – attire and cleanliness
 3. Stage presence – expression, poise, confidence and appropriate movement
 4. Knowledge of the song – accuracy of text, rhythm and pitch
 5. Judge's overall impression
- In the live audition (round #2), the judges' scores will be tallied using Microsoft Excel software and provide 100% of the guide for the placings. In the event of a tie, the judges will deliberate to determine the placing.
- In the finals (round #3), the judges' scores will be tallied using Microsoft Excel software and provide 75% of the guide for the placings. The remaining 25% of the contestant's score will be determined by the people's choice judge and factored into the Excel spreadsheet. In the event of a tie, the judges will deliberate to determine the placing.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGE

- A people's choice judge will be utilized in the finals (round #3) only.
- Once the 10 finalists are determined, a widget will be available on ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY website (www.erathcountyhabitatforhumanity.org) for fans to monetarily vote by donation under the finalist of their choice.
- The finalist with the most monetary votes (raises the most money) will place first under the people's choice judge; the second most monetary votes will place second under the people's choice judge; and so on.

- The people's choice judge will consist of 25% of the total score for each finalist.
- People's choice judging will be opened as soon as the finalists are determined and closed 10 minutes after the last finalist's performance on Saturday, January 15, 2022.
- Only first place will be awarded a trophy.
- Alternates are eligible to win the People's Choice.
- Finalists are encouraged to use social media and other means to promote their entry and obtain monetary votes in any amount with a minimum of \$5 per vote. There is not a maximum amount any one fan may donate.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY reserves the right to cancel or modify the event as necessary and without prior notice. Contestants will be notified of any changes or cancellations via email as soon as practicable.
- All contestants must release ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, its officers, members, volunteers and sponsors from any liability resulting from their performance or attendance at this event.
- All contestants must consent to allow the ERATH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY unrestricted authorization to use their name, photo, voice recording, video recording, entry materials, or likeness in promotional materials without compensation.
- By submission of an application and entering this contest, each contestant represents and warrants his or her and their team's compliance with these rules and regulations.
- Exceptions will be determined by the event committee on a case-by-case basis.

QUESTIONS may be emailed to erathhabitatforhumanity@gmail.com. Please provide a detailed message, contact name and phone number for return calls.