

## San Jose's Got Talent Singing Competition Official Rules and Entry Form

**Entry Deadline: Friday, June 19 @ 5 p.m.**

Show off your talent, San Jose! The San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA) is looking for San Jose's best voices to engage in a singing competition to kick off Scion Music in the Park concerts in July and August.

A competition will be held every Thursday July 2 – August 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Plaza de Cesar Chavez at South Market and San Fernando streets in downtown San Jose.

The grand prize winner will receive a cash prize, an opportunity to sing the National Anthem at a 2009 San Jose Earthquakes game, a night on the town in downtown San Jose and a *Downtown Ice* skate party to share with their office (up to 150 people). Weekly preliminary round winners will also receive a prize.

18 qualified contestants will be chosen from the pool of applicants by June 26. Three different contestants will compete in six preliminary rounds on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6.

Semi-final "sing-offs" will take place on August 13 and August 20, culminating in a final competition between the contest's two finalists before the August 27 Scion Music in the Park concert.

A panel of local celebrity judges, who will take into consideration the audience response to each singer, will select the winner each week.

Exact schedule of contestants by date will be confirmed via phone and email.

### **Applicant Requirements:**

- Must be employed and/or reside in San Jose, CA and a minimum of 18 years old
- Complete the "San Jose's Got Talent" entry form and release and deliver to SJDA by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 19, along with a \$10 entry fee (checks payable to SJDA) and an audio/visual sample of your singing performance via one of these mediums: Youtube or video/digital file uploaded for viewing online, or DVD (DVD will not be returned to applicant)
- Be available to perform on at least four Thursdays throughout the contest – July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 or August 6 (preliminary rounds); Aug 13 and 20 (semifinals) and Aug. 27 (finals)
- Provide back-up music to SJDA on CD one week in advance of your performance
- Arrive at Plaza de Cesar Chavez no later than 5:15 p.m. on your designated singing date
- Be prepared to perform 3 minutes of singing promptly at 5:30 p.m.

**Contest Rules:**

- All applicants not selected to compete will receive coupons for the Downtown Farmers' Market in San Pedro Square, and two beverage vouchers for Music in the Park or one Downtown Ice skate voucher.
- A \$20 fee will be charged on all returned checks.
- Contestants will be limited to no more than one 3-minute performance per round.
- Contestants who do not show to perform at their confirmed scheduled performance time will be disqualified and replaced with a "stand by" alternate. No exceptions.
- Contestants understand that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the competition officials and the decision of its judges will be final in all cases. No appeals accepted.
- Judges will take the audience's response to each singer in consideration when determining the winner each week.
- No musical instruments, props or back-up singers allowed during a contestant's performance.
- This is a vocal competition – contestants will only be judged on singing talent.
- Performances must be family oriented equivalent to G rating for public performance. Any participant reflecting or exemplifying indecent clothing, vocals, or gestures will be asked to leave the stage and park immediately
- Participants must obey all on-site backstage rules including no smoking, no drinking on stage, no pets, no guests, no touching band equipment and no access to private band areas.
- Any rules not covered under these official rules will be governed by the San Jose Downtown Association (SJDA).
- It is agreed and understood that participants will not hold the San Jose Downtown Association, its agents directors, officers, employees, or The City of San Jose, Scion Music in the Park sponsors, or competition judges or officials liable for injuries sustained or illnesses contracted by them when in attendance and or participating in any phase of the competition. Participants give their permission to SJDA to use their photographs or appearance in video taping in connection with advertising or news coverage of the San Jose's Got Talent competition.

**Questions or inquiries:**

San Jose's Got Talent Contest voicemail (calls returned within 48 hrs):

(408) 279-1775 ext. 330

Email: [talent@sjdowntown.com](mailto:talent@sjdowntown.com)

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**Entry form must be received by Friday, June 19 @ 5 p.m.**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Group Represented \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Work Address (must be San Jose, CA)

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Mailing address (if different than above) – Where do you prefer we send awards?

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Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list best time to contact you)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Song \_\_\_\_\_ Genre of Music \_\_\_\_\_

Format of music sample:    Youtube        DVD        Video/Digital file uploaded  
(Please circle)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I  
(Print Applicant Name)

have read and understand all of the applicant requirements and contest rules for “San Jose’s Got Talent” and will adhere to these rules and requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant Signature)

**Please include a \$10 non-refundable entry fee with check payable to SJDA in your application packet.**

**Mail entry packet to the following address:**

San Jose’s Got Talent Contest  
28 N. First St. Suite 1000  
San Jose, CA 95113