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**Call for entries - *San Jose's Got Talent* singing competition at Scion Music in the Park presented by Dos XX and Metro Newspapers**

SAN JOSE, CA – Imagine yourself the opening act for renowned performers like Collin Hays of Men at Work, Fee Waybill of The Tubes, Anthony David and Sonny Landreth. The best voices in San Jose will engage in a singing competition to kick off Scion Music in the Park concerts at Plaza de Cesar Chavez in July and August.

The San Jose Downtown Association, producer of the free concert series in its 21<sup>st</sup> season, is putting the call out for singers to participate in “San Jose’s Got Talent.”

“We know there is a lot of hidden talent in San Jose’s amateur singers,” said Eric Sahn, SJDA president. “We’re looking for budding stars to have a friendly but intense competition on the big outdoor stage.”

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 of fun on the town in downtown, and a Downtown Ice skate party to share with their office mates and friends. All weekly winners will also receive a prize for their performance, as will each entry into the competition.

A panel of local celebrity judges, who will take into consideration the audience response to each singer, will select the winner each Thursday. The competition will feature 18 singers. First rounds occur July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6. The six preliminary round winners will square off in a semi-final round Aug. 13 and Aug. 20. The finals will be Aug. 27. San Jose’s Got Talent will begin each week at 5:30 p.m. before the concerts’ opening band begins its performance. The Scion Music in the Park schedule is attached.

Contestants must be at least 18 years old and submit a sample of their singing by youtube or similar upload, or mail in a DVD. Rules and application procedure are posted with the concert schedule at: [sjdowntown.com/music\\_in\\_the\\_park](http://sjdowntown.com/music_in_the_park). Entries are due June 19.

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