

Chattown Stages

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Songwriters Stage Official Rules (12/2022)

RULES:

Hereafter:

Contestant is the one person submitting the application and is the featured artist.
CS is Chattown Stages, the administrator of the contest.

1- Contest eligibility:

1a- Contestant must be age 18, or provide consent of adult guardian. (See consent form)

1b- Open to residents of the Chattanooga region; which includes a 60 mile radius of city center.

1c- Open to amateur and professional artists.

2- Entry content:

2a- The Songwriters Stage is based upon the traditional solo singer songwriter. All songs must be written and performed by the Contestant solo, with no prerecorded background tracks or looping. Exception is for the singer songwriter who does not play an instrument, may be accompanied by an instrumentalist.

2b- All lyrics and music must be the Contestant's original work.

3- Website and Artist Profile:

3a- Each contestant shall complete the entry form which includes two parts: private information, and public information to be included in the artist profile which is displayed on the website. The artist profile consists of: preferred name, photo, link to website or online sample of the artist's music, and a short bio.

3b- Chattown Stages is given limited rights to use all content submitted to the artist's profile ONLY for promotional publication during the event and for future promotions related to future contests. The Contestant retains full rights of their material beyond this contest and may remove their portfolio at anytime by submitting an email request to: chattownstages@gmail.com.

3c- The Contestant grants to CS rights to use all photo images from every event for promotions for this and future events.

4- Contest Results:

4a- Each contest administered by Chattown Stages has specified dates, awards, and particular rules for that contest, which are stated on the contest front page. Some of these may be modified during the contest period such as: date extension, change of judges, and awards. Typically awards may increase when new sponsors contribute to the awards package.

4b- The Contestant accepts the judges' verdict for the outcome of the contest. The Contestant agrees not to slander judges or Chattown Stages for contest results.

4c- The Contestant agrees to accept the verdict of the audience choice awards voting, using the voting system provided by the organizers. The Contestant will not encourage members to vote more than once or subvert the voting system in any way.

5- Liability and litigation:

5a- Chattown Stages implements best practices to prevent malicious use and tampering with the website, however, Contestants accept the risk of malicious behavior of others. For this reason, email addresses, PayPal, Venmo, or other money transfer links are prohibited in the artist profile on the CS website.

5b- The Contestant accepts risks, including identity theft, that are part of posting information online. Every Contestant should use great caution in what they put into their profile.

5c- Litigation: The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this agreement promptly by negotiation between persons who have authority to settle the controversy. Any party may give the other party written notice of any dispute not resolved in the normal course of business. If not resolved, any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this agreement or the breach, termination, enforcement, interpretation or validity thereof, including the determination of the scope or applicability of this agreement to arbitrate, shall be determined exclusively by arbitration in Chattanooga, Tennessee before one arbitrator. This Agreement and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, exclusive of conflict or choice of law rules.