

COMPETITION RULES

For the competition, the following rules shall apply.

R1 - The competition is currently open to contestants of all nationalities and residents.

R2 - Participants can compete in specified categories based on their age.

R3 - The contestants will be judged solely based on their performances.

R4 – Registration for the competition must be done on our website **www.youngtalentmusic.com**. The contestant will need to complete the registration process as outlined below:

- Complete the Registration Form in English
- Make payment of Registration fee through Paypal or Bank Account deposit (info given in form).
- On successful submission of registration and payment, the competitor will receive an email advising about the audition process among other details.
- Based on the Auditions in conjunction, the contestant will be selected for the next round.
- The Finals will be held on the specified date notified to participants.

R5 - The performances must be performed by-heart and complete without any aid, except for classical music, where one will be permitted to use the score.

R6 – A minimum of two judges will be evaluating the audition. The work of the Judges regulated by special rules.

R7 – All Judges decisions are final and irrevocable.

R8 – We, the organizer, assume no responsibility for Live or Online Event (Audition or Finals) Cancellation due to reasons beyond our control.

R9 – We, the organizer, hold the rights to change Dates and Venue for Live or Online Auditions and Finals of the competition, if necessary.

R10 – Participation Fees once paid are non-refundable.

R.11 – The Competition will be held Live (In-Person). However, the organisers reserve the right to conduct the same ONLINE, if necessary, in case of any Statutory mandate that prohibits social gathering. (eg. in case of COVID) and all subject to local government approval.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All awards and certificates for participants and finalists will be given after the Final Show. Special Prizes may be given at the discretion of the jury.
- The decision of the Board of Judges is Final and cannot be appealed.
- Songs containing vulgar or explicit sexual lyrics, promotion of drugs, violence or illegal activities are strictly prohibited and will not be permitted. Contestants who during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, including without limitation those referencing or depicting violence, nudity or explicit activity or which are not in the spirit of the contest or do not meet the UAE standards for any reason, will be disqualified from the competition.
- Contestants shall be responsible for obtaining performance rights and/or written permission/publisher-approved pieces from composers, arrangers, and/or music publishers at all levels of the Competition. All commissioned works and Contest Pieces are protected by copyright.
- All rights to photographs, audio and video recordings of the competition belong to the organizers
- By entering, each contestant agrees that the organizers have the right to use their names, likenesses, and images of all persons performing for future advertising, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised in perpetuity.
- Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant or group.
- The organizers assume no liability to all forms of emergency including physical injury or equipment damage during the Auditions and the Finals.
- The organizers reserve the right to amend the terms and conditions of entry as and where required and necessary.
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in individual Section and for 1st and 2nd (Runners up) in the Group section.
- The organizer assumes no responsibility for the Live or Online Event (Audition or Finals) Cancellation due to reasons beyond control.
- The organizer holds the right to change Dates and/or Venue for the Live or Online Auditions and Finals of the competition, if necessary.
- **PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS**
- All competitors shall perform in appropriate and presentable attire.
- All pieces must be performed memorized and without scores in all levels of competition
- Choreography and/or movements which form an integral part of the music will be permitted.
- Competitors must provide their own accompanist in all levels of the competition.
- Performer may be allowed to bring accompanist or back up track which must given to the organizers for playback a day before the event background music. (backing track must be clear of lead vocal singers.)
- **TIME LIMIT:** Each participant will be allowed to perform One song.
- Individuals : 4 minutes
- Group Performance : 6 minutes (incl. of assembly time – 30 seconds grace)
- **NO** changing of CDs is allowed
- Group Performance: The Group should not comprise of more than 8 participants. There will be only one Age group i.e. 7 to 18.
- Over time limit incurs a 10 point penalty from the overall score
- Contestants are not permitted to leave the stage or stage area during their performance. This includes singing or dancing within the audience.
- By submission of an application and entering into this contest, each contestant represents and warrants his or her compliance with these rules and regulations. No contestant will be permitted to audition or participate unless he or she has acknowledged and agreed to these rules and regulations.
- No changes in song choice may be made once the contestant has delivered the background CD to the Audio incharge. CD's must be given to him 30 minutes prior to their audition. For the sake of the other contestants and keeping the flow of the contest in order, please be available to perform one hour prior

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to your performance time. If not, you could forfeit your turn and possibly be disqualified. Also, when entering and exiting the stage, please be prompt.

- Contestants and/or their family or associates are not allowed to have contact with any contest judge before or during the competition. Please do not hang out in back of or around the judge's area.
- Contestants and/or their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the competition may result in the disqualification of the contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior includes poor sportsmanship, bad manners and lack of decorum.
- The order in which each contestant competes in the finals shall be determined by a random drawing.
- In the event there is a tie, the teams will compete for the award against each other. The vocal performers will each sing a song again. It is ONLY at this time that contestants may sing one of the same songs again or may repeat a song.
- In event of switch to an Online competition the "Online Competition Rules" below will apply in addition.

YTMC ONLINE COMPETITION RULES

The following rules are applicable in case the competition is held online.

O1 - The competition will take place entirely over the Internet.

O2 - The competition is open to contestants of all nationalities and residents in UAE. O3 - Participants can compete in specified categories based on their age.

O4 - The contestants will be judged solely based on their performances.

O5 – Registration for the online competition must be done on our website www.youngtalentmusic.com. The contestant will need to complete the registration process as outlined below:

- Complete the Online Registration Form in English
- Make payment of Registration fee through Paypal or to Bank Account details as provided.

O6 – On successful submission of registration and payment, our team shall review the application

- The competitor will receive a confirmation email advising about the audition process, location, etc among other details.
- Based on the Zoom performance in conjunction with video file sent, the contestant will be selected for the final round.
- The Finals will be held online on the specified dates.

O7 - The performances must be performed by-heart and complete without any aid, except for classical music, where one will be permitted to use the score.

O8 – A minimum of two judges will be evaluating the audition. The work of the Jury is regulated by special rules.

O9 – All jury decisions are final and irrevocable.

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O10 – We, the organizer, assume no responsibility for Live or Online Event (Audition or Finals) Cancellation due to reasons beyond our control.

O10 – We, the organizer, hold the rights to change Dates and Venue for Live or Online Auditions and Finals of the competition, if necessary.

O11 – To ensure that the Audio Quality is not compromised and does not interfere with the Judge's ability to review, we would need all participants to Video themselves during the Audition and Finals while performing on ZOOM and send the file to us by email or uploaded to Youtube and send us the link. The Video should raw and not edited. The File must be named as follows "Contestants Name - Song name". The Video will then be assessed in conjunction with the Zoom performance. The Video quality would not necessarily be evaluated but it is important that it is good enough to see and hear the contestant clearly.

O12 – In addition to the Online Competition Rules, please also see our General Terms and Conditions