

## **Canadian Independent Song Competition**

### **Entry Terms:**

1. Contestant must be a Canadian Citizen.
2. Contestant must pay a non-refundable entrance fee of \$25 per song.
3. Each contestant will be allowed to enter a maximum of 2 songs.
4. With each song entry you must submit the following
  - a. 1 CD copy of just the entry song
  - b. 1 copy of the entry form
  - c. 3 copies of the lyric sheet
5. Contestants must be able and willing to travel to Toronto if selected as a top finalist, if a contestant backs out of the travel to Toronto, the next runner-up will move forward to the next stage of the competition. The date for the final live competition will be selected prior to the opening of the contest.
6. All musical genres are welcome, songs must include lyrics.
7. All songs must be original compositions.
8. The contestant must not be signed to a major record label or any label that is affiliated with a major record label.

### **Judging will be based on the following:**

1. Song Structure
2. Lyrics
3. Melody
4. Musical Composition
5. Originality

### **The Judging Process:**

1. All entries will be listened to by 3 industry professionals and judged based on the 5 judging categories noted above with a total score / 100, 20 from each category.
2. All contestant entries will be posted on our website with a link to their website, all finalists and winners will be posted on the website with the top 3 receiving a small profile on the website with links and a photo.
3. The top 10 scores will be selected and invited to participate in the final stage of the competition which is a live performance / judging in the Toronto area. There will be lots of media, advertising and promotions for this event.
4. At the live event each act will perform 1 cover or original as a warm up song and will be followed with 3 original songs that will be judged by 5 industry professionals.
5. The judging process will be based on the same 5 categories as the elimination round and be giving a score out of 100.
6. There will be 3 top prizes (to be determined... will be significant prizes of cash, recording time, promotional products, instruments or gift certificates, etc) for the top 3 scores, all acts that are invited to the competition will receive a participation award.
7. All contestants participating in the finals will also receive a framed certificate, the top 3 stating their winning position.