



6th Annual Mason Idol Competition Application

Auditions – August 1st by appointment ONLY

Name of Contestant: _____
(please print)

Age category (circle one) 8 - 13 14 - 18 19 - 99
(Age as of July 1, 2009)

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

** Our preferred method of communication is by email. If you do not have a valid email address or frequent access to a computer please check here _____ and we will contact you by mail or telephone.**

Signature of Contestant or Parent/Guardian if contestant is under the age of 18

Please read the following statement:

There is no cost to audition, however there is an entry fee of \$25.00 should you advance to the first round. Payment will be due at the first round scheduled for August 8, 2009 and there will be no refunds. If you advance you MUST be available for all future competition dates including August 8th and 22nd 2009.

_____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to Festivals of Mason, Inc. and mail with your completed application to:

Karen Kilgore
6860 Parklake Drive
Mason, OH 45040

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 17, 2009 TO PARTICIPATE. THERE WILL BE NO WALK UPS ALLOWED ON THE AUDITION DATE.



How the competition will work

Saturday, August 1st

Auditions will be held **Saturday, August 1, 2009 at Mars Hill Academy located at 4230 Aero Drive, Mason 45040**. Your audition time will be sent to you via e-mail.

Additional Information for the audition:

In the initial audition, each competitor will get 30 – 60 seconds to sing a song of his/her choice. This will be sung A Cappella. After the contestant finishes singing, he/she will receive verbal feedback from each of the judges. You will be notified via email within 24 hrs if you have made it to the 1st round.

Those who make it through to the first round will be required to pay a \$25 entry fee at the time of the first round, which is scheduled for August 8, 2009.

Saturday, August 8th

For the 1st round in the morning, the Contestants are required to choose a Broadway song and will be asked to sing for 1-2 minutes.

For the 2nd round (Semi-Finals) in the afternoon, the Contestants are required to choose a Pop song and will be asked to sing for 1-2 minutes.

Additional information:

Contestants will have the option, in this phase of the competition, to sing with musical accompaniment from either a CD or audio cassette tape, or they may choose to sing A Cappella. If music is used, please have music cued where song begins.

Saturday, August 22nd

At the 3rd round (Finals), the contestants will sing a song of their choice in its entirety with accompaniment from a CD. Songs can be no longer than 5 minutes. Finalists are responsible to provide the instrumental CD for the final round.

Additional information:

The finalist will perform this round of competition at the Heritage Festival in Mason on the main stage.

If you have further questions, you can email Karen Kilgore at bkilgore@cinci.rr.com. Please check www.festivalsofmason.com often for updates.

Please review the "Frequently-Asked Questions on the following page before signing and returning the application.



6th Annual Mason Idol Competition Frequently-Asked Questions

Q: *What do I need for the audition?*

A: Performers should be casually dressed in age appropriate attire. No music is necessary for the initial audition. You will have approximately 30 – 60 seconds.

Q: *Where can I find Karaoke/Instrumental music?*

A: Music stores typically have Karaoke sections. Instrumental and Karaoke selections are also available at iTunes.

Q: *How should I choose my song?*

A: Pick a song that you know and that is in your vocal range. Remember there will be a family audience for every performance after the initial audition so all words, dress, and actions must be appropriate. Mason Idol officials reserve the right to review lyrics and reject a song if it is inappropriate for any reason.

Q: *What is the judging criterion?*

A: Vocals (pitch, range consistency), Presentation (interpretation of the music/lyrics), Personality (presentation of self), Stage Presence (natural ability and comfort on stage).

Q: *What is the cost to participate?*

A: There is no cost to audition, however there is an entry fee of \$25.00 if you make it through auditions to the first round.

Q: *Can a parent/guardian go into the audition room with me?*

A: NO, this is the singer's audition and they need the experience of singing on their own.

Q: *My child is only 7-years-old but has a beautiful voice and will not be 8 until after the cut-off date, can he/she still compete in the 8 – 13 category?*

A: NO, there will be no exceptions to the age requirements.

Q: *Where will event take place?*

A: The auditions will take place on August 1st at Mars Hill Academy, 4230 Aero Drive Mason Ohio 45040
The second round (semi finals) on August 8th will also take place at Mars Hill Academy, 4230 Aero Drive Mason 45040
The third round (finals) on August 22nd will take place during the Mason Heritage Festival in downtown Mason.

Q: *Will there be audience voting?*

A: Yes during the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rounds only. Audience members will have the option to vote for their 3 favorite performers in each round.

Q: *How will winners be decided upon in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, rounds?*

A: It will be a combination of the judge's scores and the audience ballots.