



# 2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Contestants must read and accept Rules and Regulations. Contestants must be available for the Semi-Finals and Finals if moved to the next round. Please scroll down to read Rules and Regulations of CarmelFest Has Talent.

## CARMELFEST HAS TALENT EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Privacy Policy:** CarmelFest Has Talent will not sell or share any personal information collected on this registration site.

**Registration Fee:** Contestants must pay a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee to enter the CarmelFest Has Talent Competition.

**Cancellation/Refund Policy:** The \$25 registration fee is non-refundable.

**Contest Rules:** As a condition to being auditioned for the contest, you hereby represent and warrant that the following statements are true and correct and that you agree to the terms and conditions contained herein and as stated in the following information:

### Eligibility:

Contestants must have Indiana state residency to be eligible to participate in the CarmelFest Has Talent contest.

**Solo vocalist contestants** are only eligible to enter into one age category as determined by the contestant's age on July 4, 2018, and must perform solo accompanied by a song track or he/she may accompany his/herself. **The Instrumentalist/Ensemble contestants** will be comprised of solo vocalists who are accompanied by another musician, ensemble groups (6 people or less), and solo instrumentalists. Due to constraints on stage space and electrical capability, CarmelFest Has Talent will need to determine how many/which type of instruments can be accommodated on a case by case basis as registrations are submitted. Decisions on whether or not certain instruments can be accommodated will be communicated to the contestant prior to auditions, but the decisions made by CarmelFest Has Talent will be final.

Contestants who were awarded first place in the previous year may not compete in the same category the following year.

Contestants 16 years and older must provide identification at the start of the contest auditions. Those under 16 must be accompanied to the audition by a parent or legal guardian. Parent/guardians must provide identification at the start of the contest auditions. (Sources of legal identification are birth certificate, driver's license, passport, school ID, etc.)

Eligibility to participate in CarmelFest Has Talent requires that contestants are not professional musicians; do not or have not in the past had any type of talent representation such as a talent agent or manager, a music recording contract, a merchandising contract, or any other contractual arrangement related to musical performance.

Contestants who progress to the semi-final and final rounds agree to be available to participate during the July 3 and July 4 performances. Contestants who are not available for the semi-final and final performances will forfeit and the opportunity will be awarded to the next runner up.

### Auditions:

**Solo Vocalists:** For the preliminary auditions, be prepared to sing one song of no more than three minutes in length. You may sing a cappella, with an accompaniment track or accompany yourself. Contestants who choose to use music are responsible to provide the music, either in form of CD or MP3 to the auditions. CarmelFest Has Talent will provide a system to play CDs and MP3 players with a traditional audio jack. No microphones will be provided during auditions.

**Instrumentalists/Ensemble:** For the preliminary auditions, be prepared to perform one song of no more than three minutes in length. A piano will be available to use, and you must bring any other instrument(s) that will be played. Amplifiers are NOT required and will NOT be provided. No microphones will be provided during auditions.

Judges reserve the right to stop the audition in the interest of time.

Semi-finals and final performances will be performed in public at the CarmelFest event on July 3 and July 4, 2018.



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**Paperwork:** Contestants or parents/guardians are required to provide general personal information, and complete all forms required by CarmelFest Has Talent completely and truthfully. Contestants who fail to complete all required forms, provide false information, or fail to reveal pertinent eligibility information may be disqualified from CarmelFest Has Talent at any time. Contestants or parents/guardians must read and agree to the rules and regulations of the CarmelFest Has Talent in their entirety at the time of registration.

**Locations, Dates and Time:** Audition dates, times, and locations are to be determined and will be communicated via email to contestants at time of registration. Semi-final performances will be held July 3, 2018 in Carmel, IN on the Gazebo Stage during CarmelFest. Performance times for each semi-final contestant will be communicated when the semi-final contestants are determined. Final performances will be held July 4, 2018 in Carmel, IN on the Gazebo Stage during CarmelFest. Performance times for each finalist will be determined on July 3, 2018.

Locations, dates and times are subject to change at any time during the CarmelFest Has Talent competition. Contestants will be notified by email of any changes to the audition and performance schedule.

CarmelFest Has Talent participants may be asked to participate in other CarmelFest activities to promote the event. Participants will be notified of these opportunities.

**Parents and Vocal Coaches will not be allowed in the waiting area of semi-finalists and finalists during the competition dates and times on July 3rd and July 4th. Please take the appropriate seating with the attending audience for less confusion and distraction to the contestants during the competition.**

### **Prizes:**

#### **THESE PRIZES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

First Place winners will be awarded a prize in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). The second place winners will receive a prize in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and third place winners will receive a prize in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If an ensemble group wins in the Instrumentalist/Ensemble category, the prize money will be written in check form to the person who completed the registration for that group. Compliance with all regulations and rules are the responsibility of the winners.

If the winner is under 18, he/she must be accompanied to the CarmelFest Has Talent audition by a parent or legal guardian to receive the awarded check and any additional prizes.

Additional prizes may be awarded as made available by sponsors and will be announced as made available to CarmelFest Has Talent.

### **General Conditions of CarmelFest Has Talent**

We (i.e. CarmelFest management and CarmelFest Has Talent) reserve the right to disqualify and/or exclude, in our sole and absolute discretion, any individual from any of the auditions for any reason or for no reason at all, including without limitation, violation of any portion of these rules, or tampering with the entry process or the audition process. We reserve the right to disqualify any individual who has not been truthful with disclosing any professional singing/acting career and or professional contracts with agencies. We also reserve the right to change the rules and procedures at any time. Being chosen to audition and/or compete at any level in the process does NOT ensure that you will be selected to continue to the next stage.

There will be no exceptions or rescheduling options available for any individuals who cannot be available for scheduled auditions.

By participating, entrants/judges agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of CarmelFest Has Talent, along the event coordinators and panel of judges, which shall be final and binding. We reserve the right to use the auditioning process for publicity and other purposes, and to use the name and likeness of those who audition and who arrive to audition, including friends, family



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or any other individual accompanying the participant, as part of that publicity and for other purposes, without compensation unless prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws apply. Dates and locations are subject to change. CarmelFest along with any participating television stations, advertising agencies or any person or entity connected with the production, administration or judging of the auditions or the program, or any of their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, agents or representatives are not responsible for and shall not be liable for inability for any reason to appear at an audition site or audition or appear before the judging panels; any injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by participating in the auditioning process or being selected to or disqualified from continuing in the auditioning process and/or the show; or any printing, typographical or technological errors in any materials associate with the auditioning process. CarmelFest Has Talent reserves the right to limit the number of accepted applications in case of an overwhelming response to the contest.

All decisions made by the management of CarmelFest and CarmelFest Has Talent are final. CarmelFest Has Talent reserves the right to change the rules at any time for any reason.