



2011 Festival SingFest / Idol Contest

Preliminary Competition - Friday, October 7, 7:00 PM

Finals Competition - Sunday, October 9, 1 PM

Do you love to sing?

Do you want a chance to win the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival SingFest?

Open to everyone not just Deerfield Township residents.

- Singing **performances** only. Soloists.
- You can sing any song this year. You do not have to follow any particular theme.
- Songs with lyrics considered offensive or inappropriate will be rejected.

Enter the contest by September 23rd, 4 PM.

It is your responsibility to make sure your entry form and audition CD, DVD is in the Deerfield Township Municipal Building by that date and time.

Please see contest entry and participation rules.

Contestants will compete in 4 categories:

SOLO PERFORMERS: ▪ Age 4 – 12 ▪ Age 13 – 18 ▪ Age 19 and over

Prize:

- ◆ \$100 cash prize to the winner in each category.

For more information:

856-455-8237 (Bev O'Brien), 609-364-5528 (Tony Stanzione)

Email: festival@dthf.org Web: www.DTHF.org

Festival SingFest, P.O. Box 350, Rosenhayn, NJ 08352

Deerfield Township Harvest Festival SingFest

Friday, October 7, 7 PM - Preliminary Show

Sunday, October 9, 1 PM - Finals Show

ENTRY FORM & CONTEST GUIDELINES

Enter the contest no later than September 23rd.

Open to everyone not just Deerfield Township residents. Solo singers only. Complete this form and submit it with your recording by the entry deadline in order to qualify for the preliminary review.

Please print this form and send the completed and signed form in with your recording.

Name of Contestant: _____

Solo Performers -Contestant's Age As of the Date of the Competition _____

Age categories: ____ 4 - 12, ____ 13 - 18, ____ 19 and over

Name of Parent or Guardian if contestant under 18 years old: _____

Address of Contestant: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email address: _____

Where to Submit Entries:

Mailing Address: "SingFest", PO Box 350 , Rosenhayn , NJ 08352

Municipal Hall Number: 856-455-3200 **Fax:** 856-455-0025

Location: Deerfield Twp. Municipal Building, Landis Ave., Rosenhayn , NJ
1.5 blocks west of Morton Ave.

For information: Call Tony at 609-364-5528 or Beverly at 856-455-8237

Email: festival@dthf.org

Web: www.dthf.org

Please sign below to indicate your willingness to be a contestant in the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival SingFest Contest and your acceptance of the rules and procedures outlined here.

Signature of Contestant(s) _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

for Contestants Under 18 Years of Age: _____

Date: _____

Take note of the contest rules and procedures:

1. Amateur singers are invited to record **CD or DVD singing any song except those with lyrics that the festival singfest committee finds unacceptable due to offensive language.** It must be an a cappella (no musical accompaniment) recording for the entry round. If you are selected to perform on Oct. 7, the preliminary show, you will be able to sing your with recorded music but not for the audition entry. At the finals, you must sing the same song from the preliminary show. Your preliminary / final song may be different from your audition recording. The song must be no longer than 3 1/2 minutes in length. Your music must be on a CD or you may provide a link to a song you have recorded without music on the web.
2. **Note** that we prefer that songs not be sung by more than one performer if at all possible. Therefore you must select the song you will perform at the competition in advance after you have been advised of your acceptance into the opening show and no later than Friday, Sept. 30, when all CD's must be turned into the municipal building in Deerfield Township no later than 4 PM. Song selections must be emailed to festival@dthf.org . Songs will be accepted on a first-received basis. This means the first person to select a song will be the only contestant permitted to sing that song. This also means that you may not change your song once it have been accepted.
3. Complete the SingFest contest entry form. Additional forms are available at the Deerfield Township Municipal Building or may be requested by mail, email – festival@dthf.org or via the web – www.dthf.org.
4. Submit the recording of you singing a song without musical accompaniment and the entry form to the Deerfield Township Municipal Building **by 4 PM on September 23.** Entry form and recording must be received in the municipal building by that deadline in order to qualify for review by the SingFest Committee. You may deliver it to the municipal building, Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. If you mail it, be sure to do so in advance so the mail reaches the building by the deadline. The building is located on Landis Avenue in Rosenhayn, NJ, 1.5 blocks west of Morton Avenue. The mailing address is **Festival SingFest, P.O. Box 350, Rosenhayn, NJ 08352**
5. Deerfield Recreation Committee will review all entries and select no more than EIGHT people in each age category to go to the preliminary show which will take place, live at the Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 7. The selections will be posted to www.dthf.org **by September 28 by 11 PM.** A written notice will follow to all those chosen to be in the preliminary competition, providing the rules, procedures and schedules for the preliminary competition and for the finals. That notice is available at the bottom of this page.
6. Contestants selected for the preliminary competition will not be required to attend a rehearsal this year. But all CD's with the music to accompany your selected song **MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING** by FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 in order to give our audio director time to review them and make sure they work properly as they will be copied to his hard drive for use at the contest. This is why songs may not be changed after Sept 30.
7. Preliminary judging on Oct. 7 will be done by independent, judges with knowledge of music and entertainment. Only positive comments will be made during the event. No contestant will be

criticized in public. 3 finalists in each age category will be selected by the judges to participate in the finals competition on Oct. 9.

Participants will be judged as follows:

- a. Vocal performance – voice and tone quality, beat, melody and lyrics.
 - b. Stage Presence – poise, performance, appearance.
 - c. Overall performance.
8. Your song should be no longer than 3 1/2 minutes in length.
 9. Those selected for the preliminary competition must email a 2 or 3 sentence introduction of themselves to festival@dthf.org by Sept. 30. Include name, hometown, school, other experience, future goals, other items of interest.
 10. Email a photo or two of yourself to festival@dthf.org by Sept. 30.
 11. All contestants who are notified that they are in the preliminary round and have complied with all requested materials by Sept. 30 deadline, must report to the back steps of stage at the Festival by 6:00 PM on Friday, Oct 7.
 12. Deerfield Township Recreation Committee and SingFest Committee reserves the right to amend the rules and to change dates and procedures as needed. All decisions of the Recreation Committee, SingFest Committee and its judges are final.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE CHOSEN FOR THE FINALS COMPETITION

Note that this information is for those who are selected as finalists to appear in the finals competition on Sunday, Oct. 9.

1. The top-three contestants in each category will return for the finals on Sunday, Oct.9 at the festival at 1 PM. They are required to report to the stage by 12:30 PM on Oct. 9.
2. At the finals, if you are selected as a finalist, you must sing the same song you sang for the preliminary competition on Friday night. Your song for the preliminary competition may be the same as or different from your audition recording. The song must be no longer than 3 1/2 minutes in length.
3. The finals will be judged by the the preliminary judges plus a few additional; independent judges.
4. All finalists **should be prepared to participate in the festival parade on Saturday, Oct. 8 at noon.** Contestants are to report to the parade staging area at Deerfield Township School by 11:30 AM on Oct. 8. A float with a sound system will be provided for the finalists and they will be asked to sing their winning preliminary songs along the parade route.

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