



2015 SINGFEST CONTEST

**Preliminary Competition -  
Friday, October 9, 7:00 PM**

**Finals Competition -  
Sunday, October 11, 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 only.
- Songs with lyrics considered offensive or inappropriate will be rejected.
- **Previous winners are prohibited from competing in the same age category.**

Enter the contest by **September 21, 3 PM.**

***Note: There is no theme this year. Entrants may choose any song they prefer as long as it fits in the maximum time-frame and contains no vulgar or unacceptable language or meaning.***

It is your responsibility to make sure your entry form and audition song in electronic format \*\* is submitted as required by date and time requested. **\*\* Note that if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 21 deadline.**

Please see contest entry and participation rules.

**Contestants will compete in 3 categories:**

**SOLO PERFORMERS:**

- Age 4 – 12
- Age 13 – 18
- Age 19 and over

**Prizes:**

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

**For more information:**

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

**609-805-4679 (Linda Ferrara)**

**Email: [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) Web: [www.DTHF.org](http://www.DTHF.org)**

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

# Deerfield Harvest Festival SingFest Contest

Friday, October 9, 7 PM - Preliminary Show

Sunday, October 11, 1 PM - Finals Show

## ENTRY FORM & CONTEST GUIDELINES

**Enter the contest no later than September 21, 3 PM**

**IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE APPLY USING OUR ONLINE APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT YOUR MUSIC WITH THE FORM OR BY EMAIL. WE APPRECIATE IT.**

- **[OPEN PDF VERSION OF ENTRY FORM THAT IS READABLE AND PRINTABLE](#)**

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

**\*\* Note that if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 21 deadline.**

NOTE: All contestants, even if you entered and competed before, must submit the entry form and audition recording.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Where / How to Submit Entries:

1. **EMAIL - Entry Form or equivalent information from the form and audition recording to be submitted in electronic / digital format via the online form at [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org) or by email [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by the entry deadline. PDF version of the entry form is available online at [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org).**
2. **ONLINE & EMAIL - Entry form may be completed on the Harvest Festival website and the audition recording must be submitted in electronic / digital format via email [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by the entry deadline.**
3. **EMAIL & MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY - Entry Form or equivalent information from the form may be mailed to "SingFest", PO Box 350 , Rosenhayn, NJ 08352 or hand delivered to Deerfield Township Municipal Hall between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday to Friday no later than the entry deadline. The audition recording must be submitted in electronic / digital format via email [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by the entry deadline.**
  - a. **\*\* Note that if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 21 deadline.**
4. **No CD's (except as noted above), DVD's, tape recordings or other hard copy forms of recording media will be accepted. All music should if at all possible be submitted in digital format to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org).**

**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.

GPS address: 736 Landis Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

**For information: Call Tony at 609-364-5528 or Beverly at 856-455-8237  
609-805-4679 (Linda Ferrara)**

Email: [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org)

Web: [www.dthf.org](http://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 contest rules and procedures:

1. **ALL AUDITION ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR ON CD'S, NO TAPES OR OTHER RECORDING MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Amateur singers are invited to submit an electronic recording via email singing any song fitting this year's theme except those with lyrics that the Festival Singfest committee finds unacceptable due to offensive language.
- \*\* Note that if you cannot submit an electronic file for your audition song, you may submit the recording on a CD and make sure it is delivered to the municipal building in Deerfield Township by the Sept. 21 deadline.
2. **NOTE:** All contestants, even if you entered and competed before, must submit the entry form and audition recording. Previous winners are prohibited from competing in the same age category.
3. It must be an a cappella (no musical accompaniment) recording for the entry round. If you are selected to perform on Oct. 10 in the preliminary show, you will be able to sing your song with recorded music but not for the audition entry.
4. 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 SUBMITTED in electronic format as described above. 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, Oct. 2 when all electronic music files must be submitted no later than 6 PM. to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org).
5. Complete the SingFest contest entry form. Additional forms are available at the Deerfield Township Municipal Building or may be requested by email [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) or it may be obtained online [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org). Submit the form as described above in "Where / How to Submit" section.
6. Submit the electronic file of you singing a song without musical accompaniment via email and submit the entry form via email to the Deerfield Township Municipal Building **by 3 PM on September 21.** Entry form and recording must be received by that deadline in order to qualify for review by the SingFest Committee. See "Where / How to Submit" section above for submission instructions.
7. 48 hours after of your submission of your application and music if you have not received confirmation by email, please call 609-805-4679 to speak with a SingFest committee volunteer.
8. Deerfield Recreation Harvest Fest SingFest Committee will review all entries and select people in each age category to go to the preliminary show which will take place live at the Harvest Festival on Friday, Oct. 9. The selections will be posted to [www.dthf.org](http://www.dthf.org) **by September 30.** An email 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.
9. Contestants selected for the preliminary competition will not be required to attend a rehearsal this year. All music to accompany your selected song if you are selected for the contest **MUST BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO [SING@DTHF.ORG](mailto:SING@DTHF.ORG)** by FRIDAY, OCT. 2 at 6 PM 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 in advance of event. This is why songs may not be changed after submission. More than one contestant may be singing the same song. We no longer will restrict duplication of songs.
10. Preliminary judging on Oct. 9 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. 11.

### **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.

11. Your song should be no longer than 3 1/2 minutes in length.
12. Those selected for the preliminary competition must email a 2 or 3 sentence introduction of themselves to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by Oct. 2. Include name, hometown, school, other experience, future goals, other items of interest.
13. Email a photo of yourself to [sing@dthf.org](mailto:sing@dthf.org) by Oct. 2 if you are selected to sing on Oct. 9.
14. All contestants who are notified that they are in the preliminary round and have complied with all requested materials by the deadlines, must report to the back steps of stage at the Festival by 6:30 PM on Friday, Oct 9.
15. 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 ON OCT. 11**

**Note that this information is for those who are selected as finalists to appear in the finals competition on Sunday, Oct. 11.**

1. The top-three contestants in each category will return for the finals on Sunday, Oct.12 at the festival at 1 PM. They are required to report to the stage by 12:30 PM.
2. At the finals 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 should be no longer than 3 1/2 minutes in length.
3. The finals will be judged by the preliminary judges plus a few additional; independent judges.

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