



Mississippi Masterpieces Art & Songwriting Contest

Songwriting Division

Rules and Regulations

Mississippi Masterpieces is an art and songwriting competition hosted by the City of Gautier in celebration of the state's bicentennial. The contest and final event are meant to explore and celebrate the history and culture of Mississippi.

Song entries must be uploaded to YouTube or ReverbNation, private link preferred. An email that includes all completed entry documents, a lyric sheet, and a link to the song must be sent to MississippiMasterpieces@gmail.com by 5 p.m. CST on August 25, 2017.

Grand Prizes

Youth Division (13-17 Years Old) \$250 Cash Prize

Adult Division (18+) \$850 Cash Prize

As part of the grand prize package, both division winners will receive studio time to record the song and a guaranteed performance slot in the Mississippi Songwriters Festival on September 15-16, 2017. Winners must also perform their winning song at the final event on November 10, 2017.

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1. Lyric submissions **MUST** be themed around Mississippi's history and/or culture.
2. Each song submitted must be contestant's original work. Songs may not exceed four (4) minutes in length. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but please designate one name only on the application. Contestant may submit up to three (3) songs.
3. Information on how to upload a video to YouTube can be found at:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
4. Information on how to upload video to ReverbNation can be found at:
<https://www.reverbnation.com/>
5. Uploaded songs may or may not include video. Audio-only uploads will be accepted.

6. Contest is open to amateur and professional songwriters.
7. Winners will be chosen by a select panel of judges, including noted songwriters and music industry professionals. Songs will be judged based upon lyric content, melody, structure, and clarity in communicating the theme.
8. Typed lyric sheet must be provided.
9. A brief narrative of how your submission honors and celebrates the history and culture of the State of Mississippi **MUST** be provided on the official registration form.
10. Entry constitutes permission to use winners' names, likenesses, and voices for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation.
11. Winning songwriters agree to perform their winning entry at the City's final Mississippi Masterpieces bicentennial event on Nov. 10, 2017. Event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gautier Convention Center, 2012 Library Lane, Gautier, MS 39553.