
'CELEBRATE THE RIVER' SINGER/SONGWRITER CONTEST

SINGER / SONGWRITERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT UP TO THREE SONGS, USING THE VERDE RIVER AS PRIMARY THEME. A panel of judges will review entries to select the top 3 songs, to be performed at the 2nd Annual Celebrate the River Concert on Friday, September 25th 2015 at Old Town Center for the Arts.

1) ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to songwriters of all ages.

- *Entry by a minor requires written permission from parent(s) or legal guardian.
- Song(s) must be original and unpublished. **Songwriters retain copyright / publishing rights.*
- Co-writers are subject to the same eligibility criteria.
- Finalist(s) and winner(s) selected to perform are responsible for their own travel and lodging.

2) SUBMITTING YOUR SONG Each entry must be an original, unpublished song on theme

- \$10 per entry, or up to 3 song entries for \$30 must be paid at time of submission.
- VRVNO is not responsible and disclaims liability for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, or misappropriated entries, and online submission errors, including but not limited to unsuccessful file uploads.
- **Materials submitted will not be returned** and may be disposed of by any means chosen.
- Submitters, finalist(s) and winner(s) give permission for live recording, and use to the event managers in promotion of the Verde River Valley, Sept 1, 2015 thru Sept 30th, 2016.

3) HOW TO SUBMIT: It is your responsibility to assure delivery and receipt of your song(s)

- **MAIL-IN SUBMISSIONS:** Mail CD & typed lyrics to VRVNO P.O. Box 2224 Cottonwood AZ 86326
- **ONLINE SUBMISSIONS:** Email mp3 file and typed lyrics to: William Eaton willeaton1@aol.com

ALL APPLICATIONS – EACH SONG SUBMISSION must include

- ✓ Composer(s) name(s), address(s), email(s), phone(s), age(s)
- ✓ Song title, date it was written, length of play
- ✓ Songwriters bio brief, photo(s) (hi-res) website or other Social Media links
- ✓ Brief statement about the composition and inspiration

4) TOP 3 FINALISTS will be notified by phone or email prior to September 21st 2015 and are invited to perform in the 2015 'Celebrate the River' Concert, Friday, Sept 25th, 7:00 pm at Old Town Center for the Arts (633 N. 5th Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326). **Additional finalists may be selected to cover any of the Top 3 not able to perform at the concert.*

5) PERFORMANCE: The song MUST be performed by the song contest entrant(s). Songs that have been recorded with more than one backing musician can be submitted, **you will only be allowed one backing musician on stage. This accompanist may play an instrument(s) and/or sing backup.**

THE 'CELEBRATE THE RIVER' CONTEST is both a **PERFORMANCE** and **SONGWRITING COMPETITION** all three finalists will be judged on performance and songwriting.

THREE SONGWRITING/PERFORMANCE PRIZES! Three cash prizes will be awarded: (**1st Place \$200**), (**2nd Place \$100**) and (**3rd place (\$50)**). Places will be awarded by a vote of the concert audience, the winner announced near the end of the concert.

For more info on VRVNO – Verde River Valley Nature Organization www.VRVNO.org
For more info on OTCA – Old Town Center for the Arts www.OldTownCenter.org