

'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 3rd Annual Celebrate the River Concert (Friday Sept 23rd, 2016 as kick off to the Annual Verde River Days at Dead Horse Ranch State Park.

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- Song(s) must be original and unpublished.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2) SUBMITTING YOUR SONG Each entry must be an original, unpublished song on theme about the Verde River of Arizona. *Original and unpublished performance poetry may be submitted for performance and/or contest consideration – one musical accompanist is ok.

- **Non Refundable \$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, 2016 thru Sept 30th, 2017.

3) HOW TO SUBMIT: It is your responsibility to assure delivery and receipt of your song(s), submissions must be received in full, no later than Sept 9th, 2016 to be eligible.

- **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. CD or other audio recording must be labeled with your name and contact info. To be considered, all info must be in typed format either digital or hard copy

- ✓ CD or other audio recording submitted must be labeled with composers name and song title(s)
- ✓ 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 19th, 2016 and are invited to perform in the 2016 'Celebrate the River' Concert, Friday Sept 23rd eve at Old Town Center for the Arts (633 N. 5th Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326) and at Verde River Day, Sept 24th – outdoor stage **Additional finalists may be selected to cover any of the Top 3 not able to perform*

5) PERFORMANCE: THE 'CELEBRATE THE RIVER' CONTEST is both a **PERFORMANCE and **SONGWRITING COMPETITION**, all three finalists will be judged on performance and songwriting. **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. Please contact us if you are part of a special group: choir etc and requiring special consideration!****

THREE SONGWRITING/PERFORMANCE PRIZES! Three cash prizes will be awarded TBA based on sponsorship of the event: Places will be awarded by a vote of the concert audience, the winner announced near the end of the concert.

‘CELEBRATE THE RIVER’ – CALL TO ARTIST’S!

Sept/Oct TBA 2016 at Old Town Center for the Arts, Old Town Cottonwood, Arizona

Juried for content related to:

1. On Theme ‘Celebrate the River’ the Verde River and its watershed tributaries
2. Appropriate for all age audience
3. Approved by the Old Town Center for the Arts management team
4. Wall hanging, framed and ready to be hung with professional fixtures and wire
5. For 3 D considerations please contact the organizers.

Paintings no larger than 4’ x 4’ framed canvas or other surface. **3 D or relief sculpture:** contact organizers with images and full descriptive for special consideration.

***\$10 entry fee per piece of art** submitted for consideration. Your submission will not be returned to you unless sufficient additional funds have been provided to do so. Your work will need to remain in the show through its duration dates TBA Sept/Oct 2016.

Please submit the following typed: You can submit all materials on a CD or jump drive. No doctored images of art work will be accepted. You can email complete submissions to VRVNO.Info@gmail.com.

1. Title, descriptive and pricing page of up to 3 submitted works of art with \$10 per entry
2. Brief Bio and Artists statement, Artists Contact Information (include public website, email etc.)
3. A high definition photo of the artist not to exceed 8” x 10” at 300 dpi.
4. A high definition photo of each entry not to exceed 8” x 10” at 300 dpi.
 - a. 3D or relief piece please provide additional images from all applicable angles

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED IN HAND IS SEPT 1st 2016

VERDE RIVER DAY

OUTDOOR ‘RESOLVE INTO NATURE’ & ‘NATURE ART’ EXHIBITION

End of September as part of the annual Verde River Day

Dead Horse Ranch State Park, at the lagoons. An all day open to the public celebration of the Verde River Valley its natural resources and unique biodiverse habitats.

Check out Andy Goldsworthy Art and the writings of Susan Fenimore Cooper for inspiration and join us for a day of creative celebration!

Art work created and displayed must be appropriate for all age family audience and use nature based materials, preferably ones that are not permanent in structure and that can resolve back into nature.

Plein Aire Artists are encouraged to join us too! Demonstrations and interactive onsite art creation is encouraged, again based on naturally occurring media. Related, wildlife, flora and fauna, viewscapes etc are accepted provided they are inspired by the immediate habitat of the Verde River Valley watershed and its tributaries.

ART CANNOT BE SOLD AT THE EVENT!

Verde River Day Organizers are not responsible for artists work, demonstration or interaction with audience.