

2017 ROAD TO TREE TOWN COUNTRY KARAOKE CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

ELIGIBILITY: Alpha Media Fort Dodge 2017 Country Karaoke Competition is open to legal residents of the United States who are 21 years of age or older. The Competition will be held over the course of 12 weeks at (the "Premises") listed above. All employees of Alpha Media Fort Dodge and its affiliate stations will not be eligible to enter. Contestant represents that he/she is not under contract with any major or nationally known record label. Alpha Media Fort Dodge reserves the right to disqualify any contestant under a major or nationally known record label contract. Each contestant must be able to produce valid government issued identification, and failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification from the completion. SUBMIT ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY TO: steve.gossweiler@alphamediausa.com

- I am not currently signed to a national recording label or have been signed with a national recording label within the past 12 months.
- I have not received monetary compensation to perform live at the local **Country Karaoke contest**.
- I am responsible for my own travel arrangements to and from competitions.
- I am not an employee of Alpha Media Fort Dodge or its affiliate stations, or related to any of the contest judges.
- I have provided, and filled out the registration form to the best of my ability and all information is valid. I have provided a copy of government issued photo identification stating that I am at least 21 years of age and a legal resident of the United States.

TO ENTER: Beginning February 13, 2016, at 12:01 a.m. Central Standard Time ("CST") and through April 26th, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. CST, visit www.yourfortdodge.com and complete the on-line application. On-line applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis, and once 160 applications are received, further on-line applications will be accepted to be on the waiting list should a participant remove themselves from the competition. LIMIT ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON.

Alpha Media Fort Dodge and its "Road to Tree Town Country Karaoke" team are not responsible for late or incomplete on-line applications. All on-line applications become the property of Alpha Media Fort Dodge. Any false information provided on an on-line application, or in connection with the Competition will result in immediate disqualification from the Competition.

JUDGING: THE PRELIMINARIES: The Competition is for single/individual performers ONLY.

A panel of three rotating independent judges will be solely responsible for determining which competitors advance to the GRAND FINALE.

Judges will award points based upon the following three categories on a scale of 1-10 (for a maximum possible score of 30 points).

The judges' decisions will be based on the following three criteria:

- (1) Singing Ability
- (2) Stage Presence
- (3) Style

There will be (3) Judges at each event: (1) Chosen by Event Venue; (2) Persons from community appointed by station staff. In the event of a tie, the contestant with a higher **Ability** score will advance. In the event of a further tie, the judges, in their sole discretion will determine which contestant advances in 1 of 2 ways. CHOICE 1- requires contestants to compete head-to-head same song (of judges choice), and the contestants will have no-time to rehearse, prior knowledge of what that song will be. The tie-breaker song will be based on the following three criteria on a scale of 1-5 (maximum possible score of 15): Ability to Improvise (2) Stage Presence (3) Crowd Response.

PRIZES: There will be (1) prize winner at each event that will receive one pair of weekend General Admission passes to the Tree Town Music Festival and will advance to the Grand Finale for a chance to compete to sign on stage at the Tree Town Music Festival. The (1) runner up will be given one pair of one day passes to Tree Town and placed on standby and is asked to attend the final event May 13 at Diamond Jo Casino in Northwood, IA and considered an "Alternate" should winner not be able to continue to final competition.

No cash alternative to the prizes will be offered. The prizes are not transferable. Prizes are subject to availability and we reserve the right to substitute any prize with another of equivalent value without giving notice.

PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES: General guidelines relating to all Rounds

- No nudity, flashing or profanity will be allowed. Such behavior will be cause for immediate disqualification from the Competition. Any other disruptive or distracting behavior will be cause for review and may result in disqualification.
- Contestants must be able to attend all necessary rounds of the Competition. No substitutions will be allowed for any contestant.
- Contestants may not use any props.
- The order of contestant's performances will be determined by a random drawing. Every contestant must be ready to perform when it is his or her turn.
- Contestants must sing using the equipment provided for the Competition by Alpha Media Fort Dodge and the Premise.
- Contestants must submit song choice in advance and approved by Contest Organizers (Alpha Media Fort Dodge/Mojo Productions) to ensure song is not prohibited by the decency standards and or copyright laws and to make sure it will be available.
- All participants must keep in mind that karaoke versions of certain songs may vary, so make sure you are confident in your Song selection. A contestant may sing the same song as other contestants on a given night. Contestants will have a full song length of time (3-4 minutes) to perform, but the judges have prerogative to end a performance at any time prior to the expiration of that time. Contestants will not be allowed to start a song over. If a contestant misses their designated performance time for any reason including, but not limited to, tardiness, illness, or injury they will not be allowed to make up the missed performance and will subsequently be disqualified from the competition.
- If for any reason a contestant feels ill or unable to take the stage, Competition staff must be notified immediately. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on stage during a performance, each contestant will be provided with water. If a contestant is believed to be too intoxicated to perform, they will be asked to withdraw from the Competition.
- The Sponsor, Premise or Judges are not responsible for any injuries or Audience Comments/behavior. However, any members of the audience who are deemed "unruly" or disruptive will be asked to leave at the, Sponsor staffs discretion.
- Every effort will be made to rectify any Technical issues that may arise during a performance will be addressed immediately and all equipment issues human-error or Technical error will be taken into judging considerations, but Sponsor will not be responsible for the outcome/scoring based on a performance in which such an issue occurs.
- At no point in the Competition will contestants/participants be allowed to promote, sell, endorse any product or service including their own promotional materials, including but not limited to demo tapes/CDs, apparel, photos. The participants must not accept any monetary compensation for the entire length of the Competition. All competitors/participants will be asked to promote any Sponsors (title, presenting, supporting) and their promotional materials. Ex- Wear a sponsors t-shirt or hold a sponsors product. Any refusal to do so will result in immediate disqualification.

GRAND FINALE rules and song selections will be provided to all finalists in advance of GRAND FINALE performance. All participants must agree prior to LIVE performance at the GRAND FINALE in order compete as a finalist. An alternate participant will be selected and will be introduced into the FINALE competition for any reason the Sponsor sees fit.

SPONSOR: Alpha Media Fort Dodge, 200 North 10th Street, Ft Dodge, IA 50501

Assumption of risk: by submitting the contest entry form, the act (contestant) grants Alpha Media USA the right to utilize the participants name, likeness, image, voice, appearance, and performance in perpetuity for advertising or promotional purposes whatsoever, in any and all media now known or there after developed, without compensation. I grant KIAQ the right to broadcast, (sell and otherwise distribute my name, image, likeness, voice, appearance and performance, either in whole or in parts for commercial, video, or internet distribution that Alpha Media USA in their sole discretion may determine. I/we give all clearance, copyright or otherwise, for the use of my name, likeness, image, voice and appearance embodied in performance/presentation.

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Good character: the act agrees that it may be disqualified immediately from any level of the competition if the act (or any member there of or associated with) commits any act of, or becomes involved in any situation that would adversely reflect on the country karaoke contest or any party furnishing a prize, or tend to bring it into the public disrepute.

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Sponsor reserves all rights: including the right to film, tape, and record any contestants performance and to edit, publish, use, adapt, exploit, modify, or dispose of such film, tape, or recording online, in print, film, or in any other media for advertising and promotional or any other purposes without compensation or notification to said contestant. By entering the Competition, the Grand Prize Winner agrees to participate in any promotional events related to the Competition, and failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the Grand Prize. Grand Prize winner will be asked to sign and abide by all contracts from Sponsor.

- Sponsor reserves the right to cancel or modify these Official Rules for any reason whatsoever, if fraud, technical failures, unauthorized intervention, or any other factor beyond Sponsors reasonable control impairs the integrity of the Competition, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. In such an event, (cont.) Sponsor reserves the right to judge entries from among the eligible, non-suspect entries received up to the time of impairment. By entering this Competition, contestants accept and agree
- To abide by these Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, the voting audience, and the Sponsor, which shall be final, binding and conclusive on all matters related to the Competition.

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*Please read and retain this as your copy

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, AND I ACCEPT AND AGREE TO ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY, WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS EFFECT.

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

PLEASE SCAN/EMAIL A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION TO:

steve.gossweiler@alphamediausa.com

OR MAIL A HARD COPY TO:

Alpha Media Fort Dodge – Karaoke Contest
200 North 10th Street
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
Fax: (515) 955-5844

OR APPLY ON-LINE AT: www.yourfortdodge.com Featured Promotions/Country Karaoke

*EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THEIR SIGNED CONTRACT