

# 2018 MUDDY RIVER COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

## Rules and Condition of Entry 2018

1. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Muddy River Country Music Awards. We are returning to our original format whereby we have auditions throughout the day and an evening concert for the finalist (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placings). These awards are open to the general public, i.e. it is **NOT** a requirement for entrants to be a member of a bona fide Country Music Club however to be eligible to go through to the NZCMA Entertainer Of The Year, singers must be a member of a club affiliated to NZCMA at least 3 months prior to the Muddy River Awards (7<sup>th</sup> April 2018). Going through to the Entertainer of the Year will be our **Overall** winners of the **Junior, Intermediate** and **Songwriters** sections held in Rotorua in October 2018. The Wanganui Country Music Club is now affiliated with NZCMA. You may wish to join Wanganui Country Music Club as a non - participating member for a cost of \$5.00. Please contact me (Elaine Holden) if you would like to join Wanganui Country Music Club. The age you are on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 is the age category you will be competing in on the day of our awards on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 as in accordance with NZCMA circuit
  2. Entrants **MUST** fall into one of the following age brackets:
    - LITTLES** - Under 7yrs of age as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 (Not eligible for the Entertainer of the Year) Finalists are **NOT** required to sing a different song for the finals evening concert – this is optional
    - JUNIOR** - Under 13 years of age as at the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 (Under 7 years may enter the junior sections only recommended for the more experienced littlies).
    - INTERMEDIATE** - 13 yrs and over but under 18 years of age as at the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017
  3. An entry fee of **\$10.00** will apply to EACH SECTION entered for the **INTERMEDIATE** age group.  
An entry fee of **\$8.00** will apply to EACH SECTION entered for the **JUNIOR** age group.  
An entry fee of **\$5.00** will apply to the **LITTLES** section. Each Little will receive a small gift.  
An entry fee of **\$10.00** per song will apply to the **OPEN SONGWRITERS** section. A limit of 3 songs. This section is pre judged.  
An entry fee of **\$20.00** in **TOTAL** will apply to the **OPEN DUO/GROUP**. A maximum of 4 people to a group.  
An entry fee of **\$10.00** will apply to the **INTERMEDIATE OPEN SONG CHOICE** section.  
An entry fee of **\$8.00** will apply to the **JUNIOR OPEN SONG CHOICE** section.
- Entries will close on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. No Late Entries, no exceptions. The Convenor reserves the right to limit the number of entries in each section or cancel any section due to insufficient entries. **Entries will be limited to approximately 90.**
4. The Sections will be:
    - JUNIOR** - Male Solo/Female Solo, Gospel, Traditional (pre 1955), Country Rock.
    - INTERMEDIATE** - Male Solo/Female Solo, Gospel, Traditional (pre 1955), Country Rock.
    - TRADITIONAL** - Pre 1955 and/or Western style songs. Please state the song title, original artist and date of the first recording which must be pre 1955 on their entry form. Traditional country dress would be encouraged.
    - COUNTRY ROCK** - An up tempo country song.
    - GOSPEL** - Must be a country gospel song – not a hymn. Must be a song about the Lord, God, Jesus etc.
    - OPEN DUO/GROUP** - \$20 total entry fee for this Section. A limit of 4 people as a group. Any age combinations can enter (under 18yrs). (i.e.: a Littlies can sing with a 17 year old). The Open Duo/Group is **NOT** eligible for the major Awards; Overall, Runner-up, Junior & Intermediate Encouragement. Individuals may enter only once in this section ie you cannot enter as a duo and then as group.
    - JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE OPEN SONG CHOICE** - This section is what it is says – **any** song style that you like – reggae, pop, modern, jazz, musicals, or another country song etc . Contestants in the Open Song Choice Section are **NOT** eligible for the major awards or Entertainer of the Year. Overall, Runner-up, Junior & Intermediate Encouragement.
    - LITTLES** - A song of their choice (Does not have to be Country). Contestants in the LITTLES section are **NOT** eligible for the major awards or Entertainer of the Year. Overall, Runner-up, Junior & Intermediate Encouragement. A parent/guardian may go on stage and assist a Littlies' contestant through their song but points **will** be deducted by the judges.
    - OPEN SONG WRITERS** - The song writing section will be prejudged and open to all ages under 18 yrs. A song that has previously won at an Affiliated award cannot be entered. Only 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters will perform their original song at the finalist evening concert. You may accompany yourself or use the official band. No backing tracks allowed or pre-recorded sounds. \$10 per song, a maximum of 3 songs. 1st and 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> in this section will be notified approximately one week prior to the awards. When you submit your song it must be recorded on a CD or USB (mp3 format) accompanied by ONE acoustic instrument. You may sing the song yourself or arrange for another singer to sing your song. Entrants must be Amateur as defined by the N.Z.C.M.A rules of entry in the N.Z.C.M.A Entertainer of the Year Awards.

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**FINALS EVENING CONCERT** – Finalist for the evening concert will be announced by our M.C throughout the day and will also be posted on a board in the foyer. 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters in each section (dependant on entries) will perform in the Finals Evening Concert.

Dependant on section numbers as to whether a 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters will perform and receive a prize ( Convenor's Decision) A **DIFFERENT** song from the one sung at the auditions is required (optional for the Littlies). Evening concert will be starting at 7.00 pm. **Contestants will be judged again for their evening performance.**

**5. TROPHIES** Perpetual trophies will be presented to the winners but are not to be retained. A photo will be taken with the winner of the trophy and this will be forwarded to the winners after the event. For each section, a miniature keepsake trophy will be given to 1st and 2nd and for 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters they will receive a medal.

**6.** All songs performed in this Awards **MUST** be of **Country Origin** with the exception of the **Littlies** and the **Open Song Choice** sections.

**7.** A minimum of four (4) chord charts will be required for the band. These must be clear and precise and easy to read from a distance. They must be attached to manila folders – with no plastic coverings. It is in the artist's own interest to supply the correct chord charts. If you need help with this please **DO NOT** leave it to the day of the awards, contact the Convenor if you are not sure if your chord charts meet the criteria.

**8.** Starting time for the day auditions will begin at 8.00 am (dependant on entries). Daytime Audition Audience Door Charge - **\$10.00** for Adults, Children/Young People under 18years, **\$3.00**, children under 5 years **FREE**. The Finals Evening Concert will commence at 7.00 pm. Finals Concert Door Charge - **\$10.00**, Children/Young People under 18years, **\$3.00**, children under 5 years **FREE**. Early Bird Discount for both concerts (day and evening) **\$15.00 adults** and **\$5.00** for children/young people under 18years, (tickets must be purchased before 11.00am) Pre booked tickets available.

**9** The 2018 Overall Junior and Intermediate Winner will stand down the following year and will (if able) be the guest artist in the following awards.

**10.** Entries must be on an official entry form or photocopy of the same. Entry forms must be completed in full. Entry Fees must accompany Entry Forms. Entry form may be posted or emailed. Entry forms must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like to receive your audition times by mail. Otherwise times will be sent by text or email. A cheque must accompany entry forms or payment made to: Muddy River Country Music Awards ANZ Wanganui: Account 06-0793-0802133-00 via internet banking.

**11.** Entrants must report to the Registration table at least thirty (30) minutes before their advised audition times with their chord charts, named and with the section.

**12.** Only entrants to the upcoming section will be allowed backstage and in the marshalling area and must remain sitting quietly until till they are required on stage.

**13.** All sections are Vocal. An official backing band will be provided for entrants for all sections. No pre-programmed backing is allowed. Entrants may accompany themselves and stand the band down or play along with the band.

**14.** Contestants will be judged on their Singing and Musical Ability, Introduction, Diction, Presentation, Dress and Entertainment Value. *Please see John de Burg's tips.*

**15.** Contestants are required to sing their song from memory (not to use their chord chart) however if the contestant feels that they cannot perform without their words they may use them but judges will deduct points.

**16.** All contestants **MUST** list the songs they are singing and the artist for **EACH** and **EVERY** section entered. A different song must be listed for the finals concert. The year of recording is also only required for the traditional section on your entry form. By listing your songs, the band can familiarise themselves with the all the songs before the awards and provide good backing for all of our contestants. Please inform me (Convenor) on your entry form if you are to accompany yourself and do **NOT** require the band for any/or some of your songs.

**17.** The Convenor and/or the Head Judge have the right to recall any contestant. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Contestants will not make personal contact with the judges during the auditions and finals.

**18.** Contestants equipment and property is used and stored at owners own risk. The Convenor will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal effects and/or property.

**19.** The Convenor reserves the right to have all/or any performances photographed, recorded/videoed at the awards.

**20.** No alcohol, drugs or smoking allowed at this event as per church rules. Please have respectful behaviour at all times on church grounds.

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