

2026
BATTLE OF LOCAL VOCALS
CONTEST RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Performance will be held at Island Park at the "Island Park Arts Pavilion."
The show will be on Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30pm
(In the event of inclement weather, the show will be held on Thursday, August 27th)

NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED!

The top three finishers will receive a cash prize:

1st Place: \$5,000 Cash Prize

2nd Place: \$2,000 Cash Prize

3rd Place: \$1,000 Cash Prize

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, June 29, 2026*****

1. Must complete the online registration form to be eligible.
*****LIMITED TO THE FIRST 75 ENTRIES*****
2. ****NEW FOR 2026**** Our theme this year is "Songs from the '60's and '70's!"
3. The preliminary auditions will be conducted through video submission. You will be responsible for conducting your own recording and uploading it to the provided link.
(Your audition song choice does not have to be the final song choice, nor does it have to be from the 1960's or 1970's)

Video length may not exceed 90 seconds and may include pre-recorded audio, acoustic guitar, or piano. If using an audio track, it must be a "karaoke" track without lyrics. Additionally, please select a suitable background/environment for your video and that the audio is clear and concise.

NOTE: *If your registration is accepted, you will receive a link to upload your video. Please allow 24 hours to receive the video link. If you do not receive the link in a timely fashion, please follow-up with us at: tmfblycontest@gmail.com*

4. Registration will close on **Monday, June 29, 2026** OR once 75 entries are received.
Late entries will not be accepted;

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5. Once all the video submissions have been evaluated, participants will be notified by Friday, July 17th as to whether you have qualified for an opportunity for a live audition or not.

Live auditions will take place on Wednesday, July 29th, beginning at 6:30pm. You will be notified with your time slot and location. **NOTE:** Your live audition song must be from the 1960's or 1970's. This will be your song for the main show on August 26th if selected.
6. Final selections from the live auditions will be made on or before Monday, July 31st. Ten (10) acts will be selected to compete in the show on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.
7. Eligible participants must be permanent residents of one of the following counties: Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, or Midland. Please note, you may be asked to show proof.
8. Must be 16 years or older to participate, including supporting roles. Please note, you may be asked to show proof.
9. Each participant may only perform in ONE (1) act.
10. Acts may not exceed THREE (3) performers, including background vocals and or instrumental accompaniment.
11. NO profanity or vulgar lyrics in any performance. This is a family show! We reserve the right to make that determination.
12. Attire must be respectable and tasteful. NO alcohol, tobacco, or drug advertisements are to be shown on any clothing.
13. NO Lip-syncing (singing or mouthing to pre-recorded music that already has the lyric track).
14. **NOTE:** If you have placed first in any previous "Battle of Local Vocals!" contest, you are not eligible to compete.

*****DISCLAIMER*****

In consideration of the acceptance of my participation, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, and my assignees, do hereby release and discharge the City of Mt. Pleasant, The Morey Foundation, and any other sponsors, officials, and volunteers for all claims of damage and or actions whatsoever in any matter arising or growing out of my participation in the "Battle of Local Vocals!" competition.