



OFFICIAL JUDGING CRITERIA

Presented by STAGE VOLUME ENTERTAINMENT

Judges will score performances according to the following five categories as explained below:

1. Preparedness

The performer should demonstrate an overall well-rehearsed performance by showing memorization of lyrics and comfort with the song form, cues, breaks, kicks, chord progression (if applicable), etc. The contestant should successfully perform the entire song from start to finish with no major troubles or pauses. Score from 1-10 accordingly.

2. Musicality

The performer should demonstrate a pleasing sound and an artistic sensitivity to the piece of music while displaying natural musical instincts. This score will also reflect the quality of tone and the use of dynamics and variations in intensity when applicable and appropriate. Score from 1-10 accordingly.

3. Technical Ability

The performer should demonstrate precision, consistency, accuracy, and a high level of musical ability. Technique and technical ability will be scored based on areas such as vocal range, pitch control, proper breath control, mic technique, understanding of rhythm, speed variations of solos, use of syncopation, and a solid meter. A simple, yet precisely performed song demonstrating musicality will score higher than a more challenging song performed poorly. Score from 1-10 accordingly.

4. Stage Presence and Professionalism

The performer should interact and engage with the audience, make eye contact, use the space available to them through choreography/dance moves where applicable, maintain appropriate facial expressions for the performance, etc. The contestant should be dressed appropriately for the performance (i.e., if performing a sad song, wearing darker colors, etc.). Following all contest instructions, entering and exiting the stage properly and timely, and having all instruments and equipment tuned and working properly will score higher. Score from 1-10 accordingly.

5. Entertainment Value

What was the overall impression of the judges and the impact on the audience? The performer should strive to create and present a memorable performance through a combination of song selection, attire or costume, props, stage presence and more. Score from 1-10 accordingly.