

2020 Christmas Song Songwriters Search

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

The Singing News Songwriter Contest (“Contest”) is open to any individual who is thirteen (13) years of age or older (entrants under 18 years of age will need written permission from their parent or legal guardian), who registers by completing an official entry form available from www.singingnews.com or www.singingnewsradio.com or, www.todayschristainmusic.com and submits the applicable entry fee(s) to *Singing News* (“Promoter”).

The entry deadline is October 1, 2020 at 11:59pm CST and the final deadline is November 30, 2020 at 11:59 CST.

Fees:

The “early” entry fees are as follows:

1. Entry if received by November 20, 2020..... \$29

The final deadline is November 30, 2020.

All entries must be postmarked by November 30, 2020.

Individuals may enter as many times as they want, as long as a separate application and entry fee for each song is included.

Entry via U.S. Post Office or other carriers must be sent directly to:

Singing News

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402 BNA Drive, suite 400

Nashville, TN 37217

All entries will be judged solely upon submitted lyrics and accompanying audio, equally.

Eligibility:

Employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, and immediate family and household members of Salem Publishing, Inc. (DBA *Singing News* and Singing News Radio, Crossroads Music and Crossroads Music Publishing, and The Kingdom Heirs) are not eligible to participate in the contest.

This contest is open to non-professional songwriters. “Non-professional songwriter” is defined as a songwriter that has never had an original song on the *Singing News* Top 40 charts and who is not under an exclusive songwriter or publishing contract with any company.

Prizes:

There will be one (1) Grand Prize winner.

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- A Single Song publishing agreement with Producer Wayne Haun.
- Winning song will be recorded by a Major Recording Artist for release Christmas 2021.
- Winning song and songwriter will be included in a story in *Singing News* Magazine which will feature the contest winners.
- Story, photo, and song posted on www.SingingNews.com.
- A one-year paid subscription (or a one-year extension) to *Singing News*.

The winner will be selected from among all eligible entries received by a panel of judges selected by contest promoter. Entries received and/or postmarked by October 1, 2019 at 11:59pm CST AND Entries received and/or postmarked by November 20, 2019 at 11:59pm CST will be accepted. Entrants need not be present to win.

The winner will officially be announced on www.singingnews.com and www.singingnewsradio.com and www.todayschristainmusic.com on December 31, 2019 and notified by email or telephone no later than December 31, 2019 at 5pm CST. The winners must complete an affidavit of eligibility and liability and, where lawful, a publicity release. If *Singing News* does not receive the affidavit and release within two (2) weeks of notification, the prize may be forfeited and an alternate winner may be selected. Except where prohibited by law, by signing the affidavit and release, the winner grants permission to the use of his/her/its name, likeness, picture, portrait, hometown, service mark, voice, biographical and other information, and statements for advertising and promotional purposes for this and other promotions by *Singing News* and Singing News Radio without compensation.

Odds Of Winning:

Odds of winning depend on the total number of entries received. Promoters are not responsible for lost, late, damaged or mishandled entries.

No Transfer:

No transfer, substitution, or cash equivalent will be given for the Grand Prize or 2nd Place prizes provided. However, *Singing News* and Singing News Radio may, at its sole discretion, substitute a prize of equal or greater value.

By participating in the contest, each entrant agrees to abide by and be bound by all of these official contest rules. All decisions regarding the contest including, but not limited to, selecting the winners, will be made by the contest judges, whose decisions shall be final.

The general manager of *Singing News* and Singing News Radio may prohibit an entrant from participating in this contest, at his/her sole discretion, if, in the opinion of the general manager, the entrant fails to abide by these contest rules, or otherwise acts (I) in a non-professional or inappropriate manner, (II) acts with an intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any other entrant or contest judge, or (III) acts in any other disruptive manner. The winner is solely responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes. All federal, state, and local taxes apply.

To find out the winners of the contest, look for the winners names and song titles to be posted at www.singingnews.com and www.singingnewsradio.com once the winners have been determined upon the conclusion of the contest.