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Fort Nelson Star Singing Contest Rules
Phoenix Theatre

1. A **maximum of 10** entries will be accepted. Contestants cannot be a professional singer or carried on a record label.
 2. Contestants must be school aged or older. Minors must be accompanied by parent/guardian and they must sign the registration form for the minor. Contestants will be divided among the following groups: Grades K-4, Grades 5-7, Grades 8-12, and 18+.
 3. The contest will take place in two rounds, with the 3 highest scorers of the preliminary round moving to the final round. Following the final round, the judges will deliberate and awards will be announced. **Contestants must be present to receive their award.**
 4. Contestants may only enter once in the contest.
 5. Contestants are asked to prepare a different song for each round. Songs must be performed with a **backing track** or they may use acoustical equipment only. If using a backing track, it must be provided by the contestant. Use of song sheets and/or karaoke screen will not be allowed. Contestants must provide the titles for both song choices when signing up for the contest. Once registered, song choices cannot be changed. **Total time limits for setup and performance** for each contestant are as follows:
 - a. Preliminary Round – Approximately 4:00 minutes
 - b. Final Round – Approximately 4:00 minutes
- If a contestant exceeds these time limits, the music will be faded out or contestant's performance ended. Contestants are allowed 10 seconds of time over the time limit before the music will be faded out or performance ended.
6. Selected contestants will be required to check in by 5:45 p.m. the day of the event at the Phoenix Theatre. At the time of the check-in or earlier, contestants must provide a CD or USB drive, if one is being used, with their two songs burned onto the CD or saved to USB in MP3 format. These items should be clearly labeled with your name and will be returned after the contest. These can be picked up at the check-in table immediately following the contest winner announcements. We will not release a CD/USB to someone other than the contestant. Contestants will receive their contestant number at check in. Any contestants who have not checked in by 5:45 p.m. the day of the event will be eliminated and a contestant from the stand-by list may be contacted to compete instead.
 7. During the performance, the contestant will be the only one onstage. Backup dancers or singers are not permitted. Contestants are not allowed to leave the stage or stage area during their performance—this includes singing or performing within the audience. Contestants may not interact with the judges or MC during their performance.
 8. A PA System and microphone will be provided. The only equipment allowed will be acoustic in nature. The time needed for a contestant to set up their equipment will be included in their total allotted performance time. Keep in mind this is a singing contest so ability to play an instrument will not be included in the judging criteria.
 9. The Contest Committee will determine the order in which each contestant competes. The committee will make every attempt to honor requests from contestants as to when they perform in the contest, but there are no guarantees these requests can be granted.
 10. Decisions of the judges are final.
 11. All performances must be family friendly and rated PG or less. The Phoenix Theatre reserves the right to stop a performance and disqualify a contestant if they feel the act has become inappropriate.
 12. The Contest Committee reserves the right to cancel or alter the event without notice.
 13. First place winner in each category will receive dinner and a movie for 2. Second and third place will win theatre passes.
 14. Registration forms must be submitted by **September 26, 2018.**