

Highland Creek Heritage Festival
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Rain Venue – The Kilt Pub

RULES OF “HIGHLAND CREEK IDOL” CONTEST 2011

1. **CONCEPT:** The goal of the judged event is to provide a high quality of singing and entertainment for the public attending the Karaoke Funfest event at the Highland Creek Heritage Festival, on June 18, 2011 and to attract some of the great karaoke singers in the Toronto region. It is hoped that the singer will represent a pub or venue, with a view to publicizing and bringing attendees to the event. The event will be judged as fairly and consistently as possible, per the judge's criteria set out below. Lou Koutsaris is the designated Organizer until further notice. Contact information: tel: 416.821.8655, e-mail: lkoutsaris@sympatico.ca. The contest will be hosted by The English Rose & The Mad Scotsman Karaoke. Contestants should contact Carol Dandary for registration forms and payment of fees. Tel/SMS: 416.995.6557; Fax: 905.424.7955 E-Mail: chloemac1@hotmail.com;
2. **ENTRIES:** There shall be no more than 24 competitors. “Late” or “day-of-event” singers are welcome, if there is a slot available. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and must include the registration form and the \$20 fee to be counted.
 - a) Entrants should submit to the hosts their entry fee of \$20 and their fully completed registration form. As it is hoped that entrants will represent a pub or venue, the Organizer/host may request a reference from the pub or its karaoke host. The Organizer/host may reserve the right to delay acceptance of the entrant until any necessary verification is complete.
 - b) Any day-of-event entrants should give their entry *information* to the karaoke host at the event (between 12:30 and 1:00pm) on the date of the event. On acceptance, the entrant shall immediately pay the \$20 entry fee. If time permits, more day-of-event entrants may be chosen in a number and at a time determined by the host (i.e. later entrants may be accepted).
 - c) Entrants must be karaoke singers and must be 19 years old or over. Day-of-event singers may be asked to provide a reference from their regular karaoke host to confirm that they sing karaoke. Decisions by the Organizer on this issue are final. Registrations from professional singers will not be accepted. By “professional” we mean a singer who earns their living solely from singing.
 - d) Entry form on the Web: <http://www.fleurcom.on.ca/Heritage/general/entryform.pdf>, through Facebook on the Highland Creek Heritage Karaoke Idol Competition page, and directly from Lou Koutsaris and Carol Dandary.)
2. **JUDGES:** The judges will be designated by the Organizer. The Organizer may rotate judges. There will be the same judges for any half-hour “set”. There will be at least 2 judges each set. We anticipate following the same judging scheme for the sets and final round as follows: City councilor and staff, provincial MPP/staff, bankers/contributors and community organizations. This may change, depending on availability of judges.
3. **CRITERIA:** The judges will be asked to score a performance using the following factors with the following point weights:
 - a. Voice quality (strength, clarity, range etc.): 50 points
 - b. Stage presence (movement, knowing words, holds audience attention, etc.): 20 points.
 - c. **COSTUME:** 5 points
 - d. Audience reaction (during show, and by applause): 25 points
2. **ROUNDS:** Each “set” will be a round, in which a winner is chosen. It is expected that 6-8 singers will compete in each round, but the host may determine if more or fewer singers will compete. The highest two scored singers of each round will be finalists. The finalists will perform a second song in a finalist round., and the contest winner will be the winner of that round.
3. **SONGS:** The entrants may choose their song from the repertoire of the karaoke host - Carol and Rob have most of the classic karaoke songs. Contact Carol to check if songs are available at the number on the registration form. If you plan to use your own disc, let Carol know by June 15. The disc must be an original karaoke disc from a recognized label.
4. **NO SHOWS:** Refunds will not be given to singers who do not show on the day. An attempt will be made to fill the vacant spot from those attending. It is important to report in with the host at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled performance timeslot.
5. **DISPUTES:** The Organizer, or his appointee, shall settle any disputes, and the decision is final.
6. **CHANGES/CANCELLATION:** The Organizer reserves the right to change the rules or cancel the contest without notice. In that event, the entrants will be refunded their entry fees immediately.
7. **GENERAL KARAOKE SINGING:** Once the contest has ended, and if time permits, the host will open up the stage to general karaoke singing
8. Rev. May 24, 2011