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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Regarding Curtain Call at Kingston Arts Centre

What is Curtain Call?

Curtain Call is an open stage competition for emerging musicians.

How many acts participate in each event?

10 Maximum. We must have a minimum of 5 registered acts to run each event.

Does my registration fee cover me and my whole band?

YES. Your registration fee covers the fee for your act irrespective of how many people in your band/group. **The Registration Form accompanying these Conditions MUST be signed and returned a minimum of one week before the event to complete the registration process.**

What can I perform?

Any musical number related to the category/section you are entered into:

Contemporary – In the broadest sense, contemporary music is any music being written in the present day. In the context of this competition, any popular song from the 1960's to now.

Original – Any music you have written.

Ensemble – A group of two or more musicians who perform instrumental or vocal music. These ensembles may include classical, jazz, rock, chorale.

Open – Any genre of music from any era. Original or cover. Pop, rock, jazz, cabaret, swing, musical theatre, instrumental, hip hop, heavy metal etc.

Cabaret/Jazz – Cabaret is a form of entertainment featuring comedy, song, dance and theatre performed in an intimate setting. The performance of music with dialogue often referred to as “patter”. Jazz relies heavily on improvisation, and is characterised by much use of syncopated rhythms and strong expressions of emotion. Various forms include ragtime, blues, Dixieland, swing, be-bop, and cool.

Do I have to sing?

NO. Although our contestants are primarily singers we do accept instrumentalists.

How many pieces am I allowed to perform?

TWO. Or one longer piece if you prefer. (Maximum stage time - 10 mins.)

Do I perform both pieces one after the other?

YES.

What length does each piece of music have to be?

There is no definitive time limit but between 2–5 mins per piece will be accepted. (Maximum stage time - 10 mins.)

Can I use a CD, Mini Disc or Tape for my backing music?

YES. CD or Mini Disc is preferred (tape is also possible but the quality usually sounds poor in comparison).

Can I use a Karaoke CD for my backing music?

YES. Provided the track does not have any lead vocals on it. If the track has lead vocals you will still be allowed to perform but you will not be eligible to win.

Can I choose which number performer I am on the day?

NO. The Theatre Technician and FOH Manager choose the order in relation to performer's set up requirements.

What if I want to cancel my registration or can't make it on the night?

Please notify the Programming Coordinator on 9556 4458. **Please note that registration fees are Non-Refundable nor Non-Transferable.**

Who will be doing the judging on the day?

The adjudicator varies from time to time but all adjudicators are professional artists in the industry. They might be singers, musicians, singing teachers, music teachers, record producers etc. **The adjudicator's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.**

Do I get to do a sound check before I go on?

NO. This is treated like a competition but you will be able to make sure all your equipment is plugged in and working before you start.

Will anyone be sound mixing while I perform?

YES. Kingston Arts Centre provides a professional technician who operates all sound, lights & the mixing desks on the day.

What equipment do I need to bring?

Your musical instruments, leads & amps. We have fold back speakers, DI boxes, microphones, microphone stands and a grand piano available for use. You also have the option to play acoustically or be miked from the front without DI input.

Is there access to a lift to bring up all my equipment?

YES. Speak to the Front of House Manager when you arrive and they will give you access.

Is there a loading bay for unloading my equipment?

YES. Just outside the lift there is a loading bay so please use that and then move your vehicle for others to access the lift too.

Can I leave my gear in the Theatre after the event and pick it up another day?

NO. You must take your gear away with you at the end of the day.

What time does the competition start?

The competition starts at 8.00pm.

What time does the door open?

The bar will be open from 7.00pm. The theatre will open from 8.00pm.

What time do I have to turn up?

You **MUST** arrive to confirm your registration between 7.00pm - 7.30pm. **ALL ACTS MUST BE PAID FOR AND PRE-REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE DAY.** If you arrive after 7.30pm you will not be allowed to perform.

How many people does the theatre hold?

The theatre holds a maximum of 88 people in the audience. The Theatre is set up in cabaret style, 10 tables with 6 seats and 2 rows of 14 seats.

Are audience tickets general admission or allocated?

Seating is allocated. To book please contact the Kingston Arts Centre Box Office on 9556 4440.

Can I bring my own food on the day?

NO. If you book a table you can pre-order platters of food from the Kingston Arts Centre on 9556 4440 prior to the night. Please contact the Box Office on the same phone number for a menu. You cannot purchase platters on the night.

Can I bring my own drinks on the day?

NO. All drinks (alcoholic or otherwise) must be purchased from our bar.

Is there a room where I can warm up?

YES. We have a dressing room that is available for performers to share.

Can I watch the other performers while they are performing?

YES. Provided you do not enter or leave the theatre during a set.

Do I have to pay to watch the other performers?

NO. You will receive a complimentary audience ticket along with your registration ticket that covers you for watching the other acts.

Can I register for multiple events?

YES. You can enter as many of the events as you like. (You are only eligible to win once though.)

Can there be more than one winner from each event?

NO. Only one winner can be selected from each event.

What happens if I win an event?

You become a finalist in the Showcase Concert at the end of the year.

What happens at the Showcase Concert?

Each finalist performs 20 minutes worth of music (2x10 min sets). One overall winner is selected from the finalists and they win the grand prize of 8 hours studio time recording, mixing and mastering at Atlantis Sound in Port Melbourne (value \$600).

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Adult Curtain Call

- § Open to performers 15 years and over
- § Divided into performance genres to closely address the idiosyncrasies of each style
- § Maximum 10 acts per night
- § Two songs performed back to back
- § Maximum 10 minutes stage time per act
- § Industry professionals are invited to adjudicate
- § Adjudicator's decision is final and no correspondence is entered into
- § One Winner is chosen each night and wins a place in the Showcase Concert
- § Registration \$15.00/Act (**MUST PAY AND REGISTER PRIOR TO THE EVENT**. No pay no registration. We do not reserve spots.)
- § Audience Tickets \$8.00
- § Arrive between 7.00pm – 7.30pm on the evening to confirm your place.
- § Competition starts at 8.00pm sharp

Showcase Concert

- § Sponsored by Kingston Arts Centre to the value of \$600
- § Winners from all adult sections are brought together for their own performance
- § Each winner performs for 20 minutes (2xs10 minute) spots
- § An excellent opportunity to perform for supporters and new audience
- § Each performer will receive two complimentary tickets to use for special guests