

Terms and conditions

Best in the West Song Contest

Thank you for your interest in our contest! By entering, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

1 Definition

Best in the West is The Joan's new singer-songwriter competition hosted by Open Fridays. It will be held on one Friday per month from March to June (17 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June), with Finals in July – rehearsals 25 and performance 28 July 2023.

2 Who Can Enter

1. All entrants must be at least 18 years of age or have parental consent to enter.
2. Entry is open to all songwriters, amateur or professional, signed or unsigned.
3. Entry is not open to any PP&VA staff.
4. To be eligible for the major prize the applicant must have or be able to obtain an ABN.
5. The applicant is available for one of the specified dates above as well as 25 July 2023 and 28 July 2023.
6. By entering, you agree to receive promotional emails from the contest organisers.

3 Deadlines and Process

1. Entries must be received by the specified deadline, which will be published on www.thejoan.com.au and the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre's social media channels, Instagram and Facebook.
2. To enter, applicants must submit a registration form via The Joans website.
3. Not all applicants will be selected for the contest, but all will be contacted.

4 Entry Content

1. Entries must be original, unpublished content.
2. The content submitted must not violate any copyright or other laws.
3. The content submitted must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
4. All entries must be provided in the form and format specified.

5 Selection of Winners

1. The winner of the contest will be selected based on criteria set forth by the contest organisers.
2. Knock out round winners will be selected based on audience vote.
3. A panel of judges and industry experts will award the grand prize.
4. The decision of the contest organisers is final.
5. The winner of each round and grand final will be announced on the evening of that performance. An email will notify the prize recipient of how their prize can be claimed.
6. The prize will be awarded to the winner upon confirmation of eligibility.

6 Prize Inclusions and Value

The prize pack includes:

1. An artist contract of \$1000.00 for the performance of a 40-minute (minimum) set at Open Fridays for a live and local session.
 - i. To qualify the performer must be able to perform a set of originals and covers for that period.
 - ii. The artist fee is paid on receipt of an invoice with ABN details.
2. Twelve hours of free rehearsal space at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre.
3. Stage and performance coaching.
4. Professional images and footage.
5. A specialised marketing package.

Total prize value \$2500.00

We hope you have a great time participating in the contest and we look forward to seeing your entries!