



2009 ERIE SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

1st ANNUAL GUITAR SOLO COMPETITION

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH 2009 - 11:00AM - 3:00 PM

The Erie Summer Festival of the arts is presenting a guitar solo contest to showcase talented artists that have dedicated themselves to learning a craft that needs to be seen as what it is, an art form. The roots of the guitar can be traced back thousands of years. The styles of modern times vary from Blues, Brazilian, Classical, Funk, Heavy Metal, Jazz and many more. This contest is designed to encourage guitar players of any style and age, to showcase the talent that they have developed.



PRIZES: 1ST \$350, 2ND \$200, 3RD \$100



REGISTRATION: There will be a maximum of 20 contestants in Each Category; Over 18 years of age & Under 18 years of age; on a first come first served basis. A \$10 Registration Fee (Checks to be made out to The Erie Summer Festival of The Arts) is required.

WHEN TO REGISTER: Contestants are requested to register in advanced by sending the completed registration form and the fee to:



ESFA GUITAR SOLO CONTEST
ALWAYS READY ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY, LLC
5301 IROQUOIS AVENUE
ERIE PA 16511



Applicants may call 814-449-1153 prior to mailing application to determine if contest is still open. Any remaining openings after June 19th, will be registered at the Pepsi Amphitheater main stage between 10:00 and 11:00am on June 27th.

COMPETITION RULES:

- A. Each contestant will be given 2 minutes, unaccompanied, to perform an original solo in the style of their choice. (No solos that are copyrighted by anyone other than the contestant will be accepted in the competition)
- B. The order for the performances will be determined randomly on the day of the contest.
- C. Contestants will not be permitted to speak, all information must be filled out on the registration form to be read by the MC as time permits.
- D. There will be a half-stack, an amplifier, a guitar cord and a delay pedal supplied. The contestant must bring own guitar. (No additional supplies will be able to be used)
- E. 5 finalist from each division will go onto the final round. Finalists will be given 3 minutes maximum for under 18 division and 4 minutes maximum for over 18 division to convince the judges that they should be the winner.
- F. Judging will be based on complexity of selections, rhythm, intonation, tone/execution, and general expression/ interpretation. The announced decisions of the judges will be final. Judges include four of the top 10 finalist from Player Magazine Superstar Contest 2008.

REGISTRATION FORM

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| NAME | PHONE |
| AGE* | STYLE* |
| HOW LONG PLAYED* | BACKGROUND* |

**ADDITIONAL PAGES CAN BE SENT, THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED BY THE MC AS NEEDED.