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Stillwater Blues Festival

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2009

STILLWATER BLUES IDOL

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Can you sing, play an instrument, dance, or juggle?

Enter the **STILLWATER BLUES IDOL** at the
12th annual Stillwater Blues Festival in Stillwater, OK

- ❖ Entries are due on or before September 19th, at 2pm
- ❖ First Preliminary Round is Friday, Sept 18th, at 6pm
- ❖ Second Preliminary Round is Saturday, Sept. 19th at 2pm
- ❖ Winners of Preliminaries compete in Finals Sunday, Sept. 20th at 12pm
- ❖ All ages can compete - no age groups
- ❖ Individuals only - No bands
- ❖ All entries must be themed to the Blues
- ❖ Entry fee is \$20 per entry
- ❖ Prizes for first, second, and third place Idols
First Place: \$300; Second Place: \$200; Third Place: \$100

Applications are available online at bluesfest.stillwater.org
Or at the office of the Stillwater Community Center
315 W. 8th, Stillwater, OK 74074
405-533-8433

Submit applications by mail, fax, or email to:
Stillwater Community Center
PO Box 1449, Stillwater, OK 74076
Fax: 405-533-8022
Email: bluesfest@stillwater.org

2009 STILLWATER BLUES IDOL TALENT COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

COMPETITION CRITERIA

Stillwater Blues Festival staff must approve all entrants before performing on stage; and must accept all performances (lyrics, dialog, costuming, and dance) as appropriate for an all-ages fair audience. Entries that do not conform to the Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition rules and regulations and/or do not provide complete and accurate information on the Stillwater Blues Idol Application Form will not be considered for competition. Entrants must observe all rules and regulations. Stillwater Blues Festival staff reserves the right to remove from the talent show and entrant refusing to follow the rules and regulations of the Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition.

Contestants not residing in Stillwater may compete in the Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition.

The Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition is open to amateurs ONLY. Union musicians or those whose talent provides more than 50 percent of their income (if income exceeds \$7,500) are not permitted to enter. Contestants will be required to certify in writing that they are amateur.

Contestants may use a recorded accompaniment track with harmony vocals, but there shall be no lead or dominant vocals on the track. For recorded accompaniment, a CD with only one track is recommended. Cassette tapes will not be accepted in order to keep detracting from the performance. Contestants may want to have a back up CD copy of your song track in case of malfunctions. (Caution: Not all "self made" CD's are readable on all sound equipment)

The house system is used for all performances requiring sound and will be scaled to the venue use and reasonable requirement of the performer. The talent competition stage manager has complete control of the sound system. Provided stage play form must be completed and returned with your entry application.

NO modifications of stage acts, equipment or sound specifications are allowed without written approval of the Festival Coordinator.

The Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition may be video taped and/or photographed by our festival photographer and/or local media and use for future promotions.

An acoustic piano will not be available. All competitors are responsible for their own instruments, props, and background blues music.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE: The City of Stillwater Community Center, its committees and staff assumes NO liability or responsibility for personal equipment and/or possessions. Please secure your belongings accordingly.

INELIGIBILITY: Prior paid festival performers, current Stillwater Community Center employees and their immediate family members and festival sponsors are ineligible to compete.

2009 Stillwater Blues Idol Talent Competition Application

1. Please read both the front and back of this application and the Talent Competition Rules and Regulations.
2. Print or type all information required.
3. Applications are due by September 18th at 12pm at the Stillwater Community Center office.
4. A contestant may submit only one application and may appear in only one act.
5. Each contestant must provide required information and signatures (can be on one application)
6. Performances may not exceed 3.5 minutes. Three minutes allowed for set-up, if any.
7. Included with application must be the lyrics or dialog of performance (no exceptions) and a photo of contestant.
8. Stage plot form showing placement of microphones, equipment, props, and contestant must be turned in.
9. The cost for the entry is \$20 per entry.

Name of individual performing: _____

Name of person submitting application – contestant: _____

Mailing address (add City, State, Zip): _____

Which day will you be performing? (Circle one) FRIDAY SATURDAY

If 18 yrs or under parent or guardian's name: _____

Parent's signature (if applicable): _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Talent Category: _____ Vocal _____ Dance _____ Instrumental _____ Comedy _____ Magic
 _____ Pantomime _____ Juggling _____ Other

Briefly describe your talent act: _____

Name of song you are performing to: _____

Type of accompaniment: (No lead or dominant vocals on recorded accomp.)

_____ CD _____ Keyboard _____ Guitar _____ Other

Biography information for performer (may attached sheet): _____

List talent Competitions entered and placement in last 5 years: _____

For Office use only
Submission Date: _____ Age: _____

More Information on Other Side →

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

Photo Release Acceptance: I hereby consent to and authorize the reproduction and use of any and all photographs that the City of Stillwater Community Center has taken of me as an entrant in the Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition. The City of Stillwater Community Center has permission to use photos in the future on the website or in publications without notice or compensation to me. All negatives, positives and prints shall become the sole and complete property of the City of Stillwater Community Center. By signing this application, representing myself and/or my child, I agree to acceptance of all rules, regulations, and releases of said competition stated in the Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition Rules and Regulations.

I/We certify that no person listed on this contract belongs to a musician's union nor does any persons talent provide more than 50 percent of his/her income (if income exceeds \$7,500).

I/We certify that no performer in this act placed first at the Stillwater Guitar Competition in 2008. Any performer who placed first at the Stillwater Blues Festival Guitar Competition in 2008 is not eligible to perform in the 2009 Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition.

Application is hereby made for entry in the STILLWATER BLUES IDOL talent competition. In consideration of the acceptance of the application, the entry agrees to hold harmless and defend against any actions the Stillwater Blues Festival committee or it's sponsors, volunteers or employees from and against any and all liabilities whatsoever arising out of its participation in Stillwater Blues Idol talent competition at the Stillwater Blues Festival. Failure to comply may cause denial of entry on the day of competition or jeopardize future participation.

The talent competition organizer has sole authority in selection and scheduling acts for competition and will also have control over stage set, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume. The City of Stillwater Community Center and its committees assume NO liability or responsibility for personal equipment and/or possessions. Please secure your belongings accordingly. INELIGIBILITY: Prior paid Stillwater Blues Festival performers, employees and their immediate family members, and festival sponsors are ineligible to compete.

I agree to the above and certify that I am the parent(s) or guardian(s) of minor amateur musician applicant and accept all rules of competition.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

I/We agree to the above and certify that I am an amateur musician age 18 and over and accept all rules of competition.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Physical address: 315 W. 8th, Stillwater, OK 74074
PH: 405-533-8433 FX: 405-533-8022 Email: bluesfest@stillwater.org
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STILLWATER BLUES FESTIVAL

Stillwater Blues Idol Talent Competition

City of Stillwater Community Center

Phone: 405-533-8433 ~ Fax: 405-533-8022

Dear Performer:

In order to help make your performance the best presentation possible, would you please help us with the following information:

Please list what equipment is needed and where it needs to go. Use 'M' for microphone, 'S' for monitor speaker, 'D' for direct box.

(front of stage)

Performer Name(s): _____

Performer Dates: _____

Time: _____

Equipment & Quality Needed:

- Monitor Speakers
- Microphones
- Mic. Stands
- Mic. Stands w/boom arm
- Direct Box

- Power Cords
- Outlet Strips
- Carts
- CD Player
- Other