



OFFICIAL RULES FOR "VIRGINIA ICON" TALENT COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY: Open only to residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, who are in the sixth through twelfth grade as of 9/15/2008. Professional performers who have had their work previously published, or who are party to a recording or similar contract with a record company or other third party who represents more than one artist or band are not eligible to participate. Furthermore, any person who has ever been convicted of a felony will not be eligible.

2. HERE'S HOW TO ENTER: Sign up for an audition on VirginiaIcon.com. Prepare a maximum of a 3 minute vocal performance. Lip-synching is not permitted. If the performance is longer than 3 minutes, only the first 3 minutes of the performance will be judged. **Each audition must be accompanied by a completed Official Entry Form available at www.VirginiaIcon.com for each individual participant and \$10.00 entry fee per performer/group.** Limit one audition per performer or group. Video of auditions become property of Sponsor.

3. FINALIST DETERMINATION: All eligible performers who are selected to appear in the final performance will be notified by email/and or telephone. These finalists will compete in a live singing competition held in the **Landmark Theatre in Richmond, VA on Sunday, October 12, 2008.** Participants who change their performance number during the final show without the express written consent of the Sponsor will be automatically disqualified. Finalists will be judged by an independent judging panel based on the following criteria: Overall Vocal Ability (60%), Overall Stage Presence (30%) and Originality/Creativity (10%). In the event of a tie, tiebreaker will be a runoff based on Audience Response.

4. PRIZES: Two (2) Finalist Prizes: First Runner Up - \$250.00 and Second Runner Up – \$100.00 (awarded in the form of a check); One (1) Grand Prize – \$1,000.00 (awarded in the form of a check) and free recording studio time.

Void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. No substitution or transfer of prize by winner/finalist permitted. There is no monetary value associated with the free recording studio time. Prizes consist only of those items specifically listed as part of the prize.

By entering contest, entrants consent to the use of their original entry, as well as their name/likeness, to be available to the public online or in other media including but not limited to television, radio and magazines for publicity, advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law. Sponsor reserves the right to: (a) use entrant's name and likeness and reproduce/distribute all videos submitted in any and all media throughout the world in perpetuity, (b) alter, amend, edit or change video entries prior to distribution and (c) use, distribute, reproduce, alter, amend, and copyright performance for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. Sponsor not responsible for any typographical or other errors in the printing of the offer, administration of the contest or in the announcement of prizes.

By accepting prize, finalists/winner (or parent/legal guardian if finalist/winner is a minor) agree to hold Sponsor, its representatives, agents, directors, officers, employees and assigns, harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of use or receipt of prize.

By participating in this promotion, entrants (and their parent or legal guardian) agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, which are final in all matters relating to this contest. The independent judging panel and Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in the sole opinion of the judges and the Sponsor, refers, depicts or in any way reflects negatively upon the Sponsor, the promotion, or any other person or entity. Judges will reject or require modification of any performance that contains obscene, lewd, or lascivious lyrics, movements, or gestures that would be considered objectionable under prevailing community standards within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

