



# WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

## 2012 NJ IDOL Official Rules and Regulations

**Eligibility:** You must be able to prove at the time of your registration and audition that:

- You are a legal U.S. citizen or a permanent U.S. resident who is eligible to work full-time in the United States and reside in New Jersey; and
- You are 15 to 29 years old on February 1, 2012 (which means you must be born on or between February 2, 1983 and February 1, 1997). If you were born before or after this window, you are not eligible to participate this season.

You may not be eligible if you have any of the following agreements in effect (written or oral):

- a contract for talent representation (for example, a talent agent or manager);
- a current music recording contract;
- a current agreement relating to the use of your name, voice and/or likeness;
- an exclusive acting contract; or
- any other contractual arrangement that would prohibit you from fully participating in the show and/or entering into any contracts required by Producer, including an exclusive management contract, recording contract and merchandising contract.

**What to Bring to Registration:** You MUST bring two forms of ID to registration, that show proof of your age and a photograph (for example, a birth certificate and driver's license or a birth certificate and a passport or a birth certificate and a school ID card). After showing proper ID, you will be given a seat ticket (provided there are still some available for that venue). You will be allowed to have (2) people accompany you to the audition; however, THAT PERSON MUST ALSO BE PRESENT WITH YOU DURING REGISTRATION SO THAT WE CAN ISSUE THEM A SEAT TICKET ALSO. There will be a \$10.00 ticket charge for those attending. **NO CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE AUDITION VENUES.**

**Contestants Under 18 Years of Age:** If you will be under 18 years of age on the day you register and/or audition, your parent and/or legal guardian MUST accompany you to the registration and audition. In addition, your parent or legal guardian must bring a government-issued photo ID (for example, a driver's license or passport). If you are accompanied by a legal guardian, as opposed to a parent, your legal guardian must bring proof of guardianship (for example, a court order). If your parent or legal guardian is not available to accompany you to the registration and audition, your parent or legal guardian may appoint a guardian to accompany you to the registration and audition process. See [Waiver/Release form](#).

### **Entry Form:**

All contestants must complete the 'NJ IDOL' entry form and submit the entry fee of \$20.00.

To enter, contestants must provide a CD or a "You Tube" link of no more than three (3) minutes of at least one song the contestant would be prepared to perform in the competition. One CD entry per contestant. The CD & entry form must be mailed to Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ 07069 postmarked NO LATER than February 11, 2012.

### **Audition Process:**

Contestants to appear at the respective auditions will be notified five (5) working days prior to the audition date. Contestants will perform a 90 second a capella piece. Contestants will be responsible for any transportation or related costs to appear.

**Judging:**

A panel of judges will evaluate each contestant based on:

Singing	50%
Musicality	20%
Appearance	20%
Stage Presence	10%

The judges will give a numerical score for each criterion and the weighed total score will determine the five winners for each semi-final. The judges' scores will be based on each contestant performing one selection of no more than three (3) minutes. In the event of a tie, after the initial round of judges votes, contestants should be prepared to perform a second selection.

The five winners from each semi-final will be invited to appear as finalists on Saturday, March 3, 2012. The ten semi-finalists will perform one song. Three finalists will be chosen to perform a second song by voting from the audience and the judges. The judges votes will be weighted at 60% of the total. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be decided by the judges only. The winner receiving \$500 and the two runner-ups each receiving industry professional services prizes.

**Contestants** will be responsible for their transportation and any related expenses to appear at the events. Contestants must provide their own accompaniment; guitar, piano and karaoke only, and must be compatible with the sound system provided at the performance site. Microphones for the contestants will be provided on stage. Performances must be no more than three (3) minutes.

The winner(s) will also be featured in post-event advertising and must sign a separate standard publicity and prize release form for WAC.

If a second 'NJ IDOL' contest is held, the winner will also agree to appear at that event.

**Publicity:** Contestants, winners and alternates must agree to have his/her name used in internal and external publicity concerning winning of this prize for no extra or additional consideration by the Watchung Arts Center. Contestants, winners and alternates must also agree to appear in any advertising, promotional videos, or other specific publicity events as requested by the Watchung Arts Center for a period not to exceed three (3) years after the initial 'NJ IDOL' contest in which they appeared.

**List of Dates:**

<b>Audition -</b>	<b>Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Watchung Arts Center</b>
<b>Semi-final # 1 -</b>	<b>Friday, February 24, 2012</b>
<b>Semi-final # 2 -</b>	<b>Saturday, February 25, 2012</b>
<b>Final -</b>	<b>Saturday, March 3, 2012</b>

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**General Conditions:** Watchung Arts Center (WAC) reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the 'NJ IDOL' Contest (Contest), or any part of it, if any fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond its reasonable control impairs the integrity or proper functioning of the Contest, as determined by WAC in its sole discretion. WAC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or to be acting in violation of these Official Rules or any other promotion or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, WAC reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. WAC's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.

**Limitations of Liability:** The Released Parties are not responsible for: (1) any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by entrants, printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest; (2) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Contest; (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Contest or the processing of entries; (5) late, lost, undeliverable, damaged or stolen mail; or (6) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrant's participation in the Contest or receipt or use or misuse of any prize. If for any reason an entrant's entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost, or otherwise destroyed or corrupted, entrant's sole remedy is another entry in the Contest, provided that, if it is not possible to award another entry due to discontinuance of the Contest, or any part of it, for any reason, WAC, in its sole discretion, may elect to hold a random drawing from among all eligible entries received up to the date of discontinuance for any or all of the prizes offered herein. No more than the stated number of prizes will be awarded. In the event that production, technical, seeding, programming or any other reasons cause more than the stated number of prizes as set forth in these Official Rules to be available and/or claimed, WAC reserves the right to award only the stated number of prizes by a random drawing among all legitimate, unawarded, eligible prize claims.

**Disputes:** Except where prohibited, contestant agrees that: (1) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the New Jersey State Court located in Somerset County, New Jersey; (2) any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Contest, but in no event attorneys' fees; and (3) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of the entrant and Sponsor in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New Jersey without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of the State of New Jersey or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of New Jersey.

**Entrant's Personal Information:** Information collected from entrants is subject to WAC's Privacy Policy.

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