

## **48-Hour Music Competition** **Rules and Regulations**

It is required that you thoroughly read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations before registering for the Competition and submitting entries.

If you have questions regarding the criteria and its interpretation, please email us at [hello@createniagara.com](mailto:hello@createniagara.com).

### **The Rules**

1. Songs can be of ANY musical style or genre
2. Entries: up to 3 songs
3. Song duration: 5 minutes max.
4. Each song entry MUST include a recording of the song (audio or video accepted) and type written lyrics\*
5. Recorded song file formats: Audio - .mp3, .wav; Video - .mp4, .avi
6. Accepted lyric file formats: .pdf, .docx
7. Theme /Lyric Prompts: Will be sent in the “48-Hour Competition Start” email
8. All entries must be original, unpublished, and recorded within the 48-hour Competition timeline. All entries must be submitted by the Competition end Date/Time.
9. You may use/rework music you have previously written, as long as it is unpublished, is not plagiarized, and does not violate copyright
10. Any work found to be plagiarized or to violate copyright will be disqualified, and require the return of any prizes

\*Entries will not be judged on production value. See **Content Guidelines & Judging Criteria** for more details

### **Competition Timeline**

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday July 7th at 11:59pm EST

**Competition Start:** Friday July 9th at 6pm EST

**Competition End:** Sunday July 11th at 6pm EST

### **Eligibility**

#### **Artist Requirements**

All music styles and genres are eligible

Musicians of all skill levels are eligible

This includes, but is not limited to singer-songwriters, bands, duos, and groups

## **Age Requirements**

Entrants must be aged 16 years or older by the start date of the Competition for which they've registered.

## **Residency Requirements**

Entrants must reside in the Niagara region.

## **Registration Fees**

**All purchases are FINAL. There is NO refund for entry fees.**

**Standard Rate: \$15.00 CAD**

**Student Rate: \$10.00 CAD\***

\*"Student Rate" is available to currently enrolled high school students. Eligible students must provide the grade level and name of the high school where they are enrolled.

If the entrant enters into multiple Competitions, each Competition fee must be paid separately.

## **Content Guidelines & Judging Criteria**

### **All Judging Decisions Are Final**

#### **Appropriate Content**

Submitted work by entrants must fit the Competition's criteria and be appropriate for public use.

Entries in each Competition will go through an approval process to determine if the work meets all criteria before the entry will be made available for judging in its Competition.

Individual proprietors are entitled to reject the publication/distribution/display of work if they deem the work inappropriate for their audience.

#### **Adherence To Criteria**

All song entries must be an original piece of music, recorded within the 48-Hour Competition timeframe.

Entries will be judged on their adherence to and creative interpretation of the Competition criteria, theme and prompts

Entries will not be judged on their production value

## **Copyright Infringement**

All work must be released for individual usage or purpose usage grants. All entries must contain copyright-free art or art released for entrant's and public use. Unauthorized use of copyrighted images, text, music or other materials is prohibited.

## **General Conditions**

### **Online Submissions**

All entries must be submitted using the online form sent to the entrant via the "48-Hour Competition Start" email.

### **Change or Adjustments to Prize(s)**

Entrants will be notified if in any instance, a stated prize is no longer available or has to be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances. It will be replaced with a prize of equal or greater value.

### **Change or Adjustments to Judge(s)**

Entrants will be notified if in any instance, a stated judge/guest judge is no longer able take part due to extenuating circumstances. CREATE Niagara is committed to finding a replacement judge. If an alternate guest judge is not available, the CREATE Niagara team will select the winning submission.

### **Technical Difficulties/Support**

CREATE Niagara, Vaylin Entertainment, all sponsors of events, and any employee or representative of those aforementioned organizations are not responsible for entries not received due to technical issues and accept no responsibility for technical or online support.

### **CREATE Niagara Reserves The Sole Right To Adjust Competitions Rules Without Notifying Entrants**

Based on the volume of entries or legal requirements, Competition rules can be changed and updated without notice. Competition participants are responsible for checking the website for changes, and should review the Competition Rules prior to each submission.

### **Acceptance Notification**

Every artist whose work is selected as the winning piece in each 48-Hour Competition will receive an email notification. All other 48-Hour Competition

participants will receive an email notifying them of the results of that Competition.

### **Email Subscription**

Entrant agrees that by submitting their work to a Competition in the “CREATE the Summer” series, that they are opting in and will be placed on the CREATE Niagara Subscribers List. To unsubscribe, please send an email to: [hello@createniagara.com](mailto:hello@createniagara.com) with the subject “Unsubscribe”.

If you have any questions, please email us at [hello@createniagara.com](mailto:hello@createniagara.com).

**Good luck!**