

# EVOLVE

SINGER/SONGWRITER COMPETITION



**Benefitting AIDS WALK 2008**

This competition has been formulated to increase visibility for Arizona's Unsigned Singer/Songwriters who support the equal rights of the GLBT Communities. This non-discriminatory competition has an open door policy to all unsigned artists. And benefits AIDS WALK2008

## **Eligibility**

- ▶ Contestants must be 18 years of age and provide legal proof upon request. Contestants cannot be a member of any artistic union or signed with a recording Label or Management company.
- ▶ Contestants must be the original songwriter, or co-writer of their original composition that they will be performing. The original song (s) must be copy written and registered through the Library of Congress, and the entrant must also be the Copyright Owner.
- ▶ Must agree to the competition rules and process prior to entry of said competition. (No one is allowed to compete at anytime during this competition without a signature of these rules and agreement).
- ▶ Non-Discrimination Policy = EVOLVE shall not discriminate person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, or disability. (Wet Dog Promotions reserves the right to disqualify any contestant that displays any offensive act or nature as so deemed by Wet Dog Promotions).

**(All contestants here by acknowledge choice and free will in participating in said competition and will not be compensated for any willful involvement in said competition)**

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## Process

Initial Submission of music must be submitted by mail format as listed below. Review of all music will then lead to a scheduled closed performance invitation. [WDP and it's sponsors, affiliates will not be held responsible for any compensation or cost of travel and or expense accumulated in connection with personal choice to participate in the EVOLVE competition.](#) (Each contestant will be informed by phone, email or U.S. Mail). 20 candidates receive invitations. 10 will be chosen and win 2 performance spots. First at one of two public venue fundraisers for AIDS WALK 2008.(5 contestants per fundraiser) The second all top ten contestants will win a Main stage performance spot with publicity in the Evolve competition program. The contestant who takes first place will also receive a performance spot at the Phoenix Gay Pride festival that hosts over 25,000 each year.

**Pleas make sure your schedule is open for timeline dates.....**

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Each entry must include the following:

- Completed entry form (photocopy is acceptable) with original signature.
- Song on CD in either MP3 or WAV format. If you are submitting multiple songs or one song in multiple categories, please put them all on one CD, if possible. If entering a CD, submit the entry in a regular-sized CD case (not an ultra-thin case) and label the spine with entrant's name in black marker. Also, be certain that the entrant's name is marked directly on the CD. Please include a track listing of the songs in the correct order.
- **Production value and quality of performance will not be considered, in consideration to cd submissions for audition purposes. Entrant retains all ownership rights to all submitted song(s). WDP will not have any ownership rights to any song(s) submitted.**
- There will be no more than 4 songs per contestant.
- Two copies of the lyric sheet for each entry (please include English translation, if applicable, and type or print legibly). Do not send sheet music with your entry.
- **ENTRY FEES:** \$15.00 per song entry to be mailed in with application form and cd submission. If one of your song/songs are selected you will be contacted with an audition date and time. (Do not send any master copy for submission, no recordings will be returned). Or you can submit via sonic bids. (Each song may be added to several song categories at \$15.00 per category).  
*All fees are non refundable.*

Checks and money orders should be made payable to: **Wet Dog Promotions (WDP)**

**2. Contestants must be the original songwriter, or co-writer of their original composition that they will be performing. The original song (s) must be copy written and registered through the Library of Congress. (No later than audition date).**

- Entrants must be the Copyright Owner (PA) to all songs submitted and / or performed, and retains all ownership rights (PA) to all submitted song(s). Affidavits are subject to verification by WDP and its agents.

3. October 4th 2008 for the final elimination all contestants will be allowed no more than 2 instruments on stage to accompany vocals. (pedals and pre recorded background music or affects are accepted)

**Grand prize winner** will receive US \$1,000 cash.

**Second Place winner** will receive \$500.00 US cash.

**Third Place winner** will receive \$200.00 US cash.

4. All winners agree to release WDP and sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won. All federal, state, and local taxes, and customs fees, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of winner. WDP will not pay any winners' taxes. Prizes will be sent out within a reasonable amount of time. Please note that prizes which are being sent to winners from Sponsors may take longer than prizes sent directly from WDP. If the winner has not received any portion of prizes within 90 days and has not responded to WDP, WDP will no longer be responsible for delivery of prizes. **All prizes will be awarded to the first name as it appears on the entry form, and division of prizes among co-authors is the responsibility of winners.**

**5. Entrant agrees that should his/her song(s) be selected as a winner, WDP shall have the right to include the winning song(s) on the WDP Compilation CD to be used for promotional purposes of the Evolve Contest and promote for donations for the sole purpose of marketing the Evolve competition and benefit for AIDS WALK 2008.**

6. Entry constitutes permission to use winner's name, likeness, and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation.

7. Entrant acknowledges that all songs entered may be distributed to judges who will be selecting the winners, and Entrant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold WDP, its' Sponsors, and Judges harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in WDP.

8. By entering WDP entrant agrees to accept and be bound by the decisions of WDP and its' Judges which are final and binding in all matters. Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of these official WDP Rules and Regulations as established herein.

9. Entrant acknowledges that songwriting is a high-risk enterprise, and that there is no guarantee made by WDP, EVOLVE and its' Sponsors that entrants' composition will become a "hit" as a result of the WDP Compilation CD Distribution and Marketing roll out.

10. Entrant acknowledges that the Entry Form Agreement and Rules Agreement for the EVOLVE Singer/Songwriter Competition are both governed by the State of Arizona, and cannot be altered, changed, or modified without written approval of WDP and Said Composer (s). Please be advised these are legal and binding documents and legal counsel should be consulted.

11. I certify that I /we am the writer or co-writer of the song(s), melodies, and lyrics, and that I am the copyright owner of said material. I also certify that I have read, understood and accept the rules and regulations of the EVOLVE Singer/Songwriter Competition.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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