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MICHIANA IDOL CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

- All contestants must be 16 years of age or older.
- All contestants are required to sign a release to participate.
- All contestants must pay a \$5.00 entry fee for each of the qualifying rounds they compete in.

- Rules & evaluation criteria are subject to change at any time.
- The decisions of the judges, Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. are final.
- Employees and immediate family members Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. and the judges are not eligible to participate.
- The contest is open to both men and women.
- Judging is based on singing, stage performance, & creativity
- Scoring will be comprised of the judges' decision, crowd vote and online vote.
- Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. have NO affiliation with the judges.
- One ballot vote per person on semi-final night. You must be present to vote.
- Online voting following the quarterfinal and semi-final rounds will be held on WBET's website (wbetfm.com)
- This contest was developed as a fun, creative, high-energy event. We request that you execute the contest in a tasteful manner with respect for the sponsors, Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. and the judges. No rude or abusive language is allowed from contestants or other guests.
- The first place prize is \$993.00.
- You will need to bring your own karaoke disc(s) to each night of the competition. It is recommended that you bring original discs and not burned copies in order to ensure that they will play on the player.

MICHIANA IDOL CONTESTANT INFORMATION

THE DOORS WILL OPEN FOR THE AUDIENCE & CONTEST REGISTRATION AT 6:00 P.M. EACH NIGHT OF THE CONTEST – SNACKS & FULL BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE EACH NIGHT.

October 5th - Qualifiers @ 7:00 p.m.
October 12th - Qualifiers @ 7:00 p.m.
October 19th - @ Quarter-Finals @ 7:00 p.m. (online voting starts)
October 26th – Semi-Finals @ 7:00 p.m. (online voting and audience ballot voting)
November 9th - Finals @ 7:00 p.m.

Notes of Interest

- This is Michiana Idol, not American Idol, although the structure & format will emulate each other.
- Show up an hour before show time in order to prepare yourself and receive all the stage and show notes for the evening.
- You must have your own Karaoke disc with your song prepared. We recommend you bring an original copy to ensure it will be able to play on the player.
- Fit the part: Pick a song that suits you, wear clothing that fits your act, & use the whole stage as all of this will reflect in your judges' score.
- This is a big event so never feel afraid to ask any questions.

Sturges Young Auditorium, WMSH, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. have the right to utilize audio, video, mug shots, & bio's of each contestant throughout the competition. We are doing everything we can to get you as much recognition to the public as public can get. So always check our website wbetfm.com for your up-to-date information on "Michiana Idol."

Should you have any questions regarding "Michiana Idol" please contact Andy and Mike In The Morning at (269) 651-2383 or The Sturges Young Auditorium at (269) 651-8541.

MICHIANA IDOL CONTEST ENTRY FORM & PARTICIPANT RELEASE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE STURGES-YOUNG AUDITORIUM OR ANY OF THE SWICK BROADCASTING COMPANY RADIO STATION OFFICES PRIOR TO THE EVENT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. YOU MAY FAX IT TO 269-669-1111 IF YOU WISH. YOU MAY ALSO E-MAIL IT TO mstiles@wbetfm.com.

Contestant Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zipcode: _____

By signing this release, I _____ (name) acknowledge that I am 16 years of age or older, and that my participation in the Michiana Idol Contest, sponsored by **Sturges Young Auditorium, WMSH, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc.** held on October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 9, 2013 is completely voluntary.

I have read and understand the complete official contest rules and by participating in the promotion, agree to be bound by these rules.

I waive and release any claims that I may have **against Sturges Young Auditorium, WMSH, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc.**, their affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns, in connection with my voluntary participation in this event.

I hereby grant full permission to **Sturges Young Auditorium, WMSH, ESPN-AM 1230, WTHD, WLKI, WLZZ & Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc.**, their respective officers, directors, employees, agents successors and assigns and anyone authorized by any of them, to use my name, likeness, voice and biographical data, in whole or in part, in any and all media for the purposes of advertising, publicity and trade, and in connection therewith I hereby release them and each of them from all liability.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Date: _____