



# Just Sing Contest

Presented by Alliston Potato Festival [www.allistonpotatofest.com/justsing](http://www.allistonpotatofest.com/justsing)



## Contest Outline:

The Just Sing Contest is open to all youth in South Simcoe who are between the ages of 4-13. Contestants enter the contest by submitting a video of themselves singing their choice of audition song either acapella or alongside a karaoke track (a music track with only music, no additional singers of any kind).

Those selected (20 contestants) will attend the Just Sing LIVE auditions. All contestants entering the Contest **MUST** be willing to perform in the live shows if selected.

These performances will be open to the public and held for 4 weeks at the Gibson Centre on Monday's July 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 6-7:30pm. The Finale and Awards will take place Saturday, August 12th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Alliston Potato Festival on the Main Stage at the Beer Gardens where the category winners will be awarded and prizes will be given!

This is a family-friendly, inclusive, safe and accessible environment and we welcome everyone to attend!



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## How to enter:

1. Application fee is \$10. E-transfer can be sent to [allistonpotatofestival@gmail.com](mailto:allistonpotatofestival@gmail.com) or paid in person at the Gibson Centre front desk or at Rising Star Music Academy front desk. If applying in person, please bring your completed Application Form with you.
2. Create a video (3 mins or less) showcasing your audition song. The song choice is up to you. Only **one** entry per contestant so make sure you like your song choice! Duplicate entries by any contestant will lead to automatic disqualification.
3. Entrants must save their video in MP4 format and submit their video and Application form (if they haven't already done so in person at the Gibson Centre or Rising Star Music Academy) to [justsingalliston@gmail.com](mailto:justsingalliston@gmail.com)
4. We **must** receive an Application form as well as the video submission.
5. Entries for the Just Sing Contest shall run from:  
Monday, June 12, 2023 to Thursday, June 29, 2023 11:59pm.
6. Only video entries submitted to our submission platform will be considered.
7. To qualify, all entries must be received on or before 11:59 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, June 29th, 2023 through our submission platform.

## Submitting Video File For Original Audition:

Contestants are required to submit **one** video file for your original audition entry. This file is to be submitted to: [justsingalliston@gmail.com](mailto:justsingalliston@gmail.com) between Monday, June 12 2023 and Thursday, June 29 2023 11:59pm. **NO** late entries will be accepted.

Video files can be acapella or have audio that is karaoke style (a music track with only music, no singers of any kind) with you singing alongside.

They **must** be 3 minutes or less, saved as **MP4** and include:

Contestants first and last name AND artist name and title of song.

Example: JenniferSmith\_michael jackson\_beat it.

\*Please include your Application form in your email if you haven't already done so.



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## Selection of the Top 20 Contestants:

A selection committee representing the Just Sing contest (consisting of local, qualified and skilled artists and teachers) shall review all videos submitted by each entrant to determine which entrants will perform at the Live Auditions starting July 10th.

Selected Contestants **MUST** be available for all audition dates at the Gibson Centre and Potato Festival. The dates are: Monday's July 10th, July 17th, July 24th and July 31st from 6-7:30pm at the Gibson Centre and the final performance on Saturday August 12th 11-1pm at Potato Festival Main Stage in the Beer Gardens.

**The Top 20 Contestants will be informed of the Selection Committee's decision by Wednesday July 5th, 2023.**



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## Judging at Live Shows:

The judges will stay the same throughout the duration of the competition. This way they can see the progression of the contestants throughout the weeks and help give constructive feedback to the growing artists.

Contestants will be judged weekly on the following categories during the Just Sing performances:

- Overall Performance
- Audience Engagement
- Stage Presence
- Originality
- Personality
- Eye Contact

## Song genres and dates are as follows:

**July 10th- Song of choice** -If you are selected for the top 20, be ready to sing!

**July 17th- Today's hits**- Sing us your favourite song you're hearing on the radio today.

**July 24th- Pre 2000's hits**- What's that classic song you love?

**July 31st- Famous movie songs**- Let's hear the song you can't get out of your head.

**August 12th- Rock and Roll**- Time to give it all you've got and entertain the crowd!

\*There will be no eliminations in this contest so come out and do your best!

**All 20 performers** will have the opportunity to sing every week including at the Finale where we will name our category winners on the big stage at the Potato Festival Beer Gardens!



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## Prizes and

## Awards:

There will be **one** Grand Prize and **three** Category Finalist prizes awarded at the end of the competition.

**All participants** will receive a welcome package, a “Just Sing award” and a special gift for their participation.

\*Prizes are not transferable or convertible to cash and must be accepted as awarded.

### Category Winners:

**Most Improved Singer:** Category Finalist – prize valued at \$300

**Ages 4-8:** Category Finalist – prize valued at \$300

**Ages 9-13:** Category Finalist – prize valued at \$300

**Grand Prize Winner** (Overall Talent, separate from the Category Finalists) prize valued at \$1200 including **any** 8 week session of your choice for the 2023/2024 season at Gibson School of the Arts!



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## Rules and Regulations

1. For the purposes of this Contest and the awarding of prizes, these rules shall govern in all respects and the decision of the Just Sing representatives shall be final.
2. The Contest is open to children (ages 4-13) who are residents of the South Simcoe Region. \*Those participating must **still** be 13 or younger at our Finale on August 12th.
3. All entrants must have the consent of his/her parent or legal guardian to submit their personal information in order to enter the Contest. In the absence of such parental or legal guardian consent, the entrant will not be able to enter the Contest.
4. Each contestant's parent/guardian must sign a declaration of compliance with the Contest rules, a waiver of liability, and a photo release in order to participate and receive the prize components.
5. Personal information collected during the course of this Contest shall be used by Just Sing and its authorized representatives solely for the purposes of conducting the Contest and awarding prizes. It will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose unless required by law.
6. By entering this Contest, you agree to participate in a photo shoot, live rehearsals and live performances.
7. By participating in this Contest, you agree to abide by the rules and the decisions of the Just Sing Committee in awarding prizes.
8. Decisions shall be final and binding upon all contestants. Contestants who have not complied with these rules are subject to disqualification.
9. Just Sing reserves the right to modify the rules, before or during the Contest, in its sole discretion, in any way at any time it deems necessary or appropriate without materially affecting the terms and conditions of this Contest.
10. Personal information collected during the course of this Contest shall be used by Just Sing and its authorized representatives solely for the purposes of conducting the Contest and awarding prizes. It will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose unless required by law.
11. The Grand Prize is not transferable and not redeemable for cash, and will not be extended under any circumstances and must be accepted as offered without substitution.
12. Children are not eligible to participate in this Contest if relatives are a Just Sing judge, a member on the Just Sing board of directors or a member of the Just Sing selection committee.



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13. By participating in this Contest, the Category Finalists and Grand Prize Winner agree that their name may be used in any and all forms of media, without any further compensation by Just Sing and waives all rights (including moral rights) with respect to printed, broadcast and other forms of publicity
14. No profanity or vulgarity in any vocal, dance, or any other performance will be allowed. No weapons, fire, smoke machines etc. This is a family, friendly, and safe environment; please be respectful.
15. Entrants and their parent/legal guardian must only contact the Just Sing Committee through our email at [justsingalliston@gmail.com](mailto:justsingalliston@gmail.com). Facebook messages will not be responded to.
16. In addition, entrants and/or parents/legal guardians are not to contact the Alliston Potato Festival, Gibson Centre, or Rising Star Music Academy about the Just Sing contest. All questions, concerns or coordination efforts should be directed to the Just Sing Committee through their email.

**Note: Unless for an emergency, parents or legal guardians will not be allowed backstage during the live rehearsal or performance.**