



Carassauga “Festival of Cultures” reflects the rich ethnic mosaic of the Mississauga’s community that will be held on May 26th, 27th, & 28th. During the three days visitors move from one Pavilion to another having their Carassauga passports stamped as they enter each location. Once inside visitors are surrounded by the sights, sounds and tastes of the country in which they are visiting. Each Pavilion has a variety of ethnic cuisine and a line up of entertainment that is offered throughout the three days. For more information visit www.carassauga.com

CARASSAUGA DISCOVERS NEW TALENT, SINGING CONTEST 2017

PHILOSOPHY & MISSION

Carassauga is seeking to **Showcase New Talented** young adults who have a passion to sing and wish to further their music career. Carassauga will provide them with the opportunity to perform and exhibit their talents at our Festival on our main stage.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This contest is open to all contestants that meet these rules. All contestants enrolling in the Carassauga Discovers New Talent, Singing Contest must be between 18 and 27 years of age by the date of the contest. Contestants will be asked to provide proof of age if selected as one of the finalists.

All Carassauga Discovers New Talent contestants must be independent artists. An independent artist for this contest is:

- One who has never been signed to a recording contract by a record label (Major or Independent) and citizens in good standing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. There is no registration fee.
2. Registrations must be received to the email address as indicated below, **no later than 6 pm on Monday April 17th, 2017.**

Subject Line: **Carassauga Discovers New Talent, Singing Contest 2017**
Email: Carassaugafestival@gmail.com

3. Contestants must be **solo artists** (vocalists accompanied by backing tracks and/or acoustical.
4. All applicants must submit a minimum of 2 MP3s, of recorded music (cover or original), a photo and if applicable links to any online digital platform(s) showcasing performances. (I.e. YouTube) and it must be performed in **English**.
5. Songs **cannot exceed 4min** in length from the first note played. Songs that do exceed will be disqualified.
6. Contestants selected to advance to the finals will be contacted by the Carassauga Discovers New Talent Coordinator no later than May 12th.

7. Contestants will be judged on presentation, pitch, diction, voice control, stage presence and audience reaction. Our panel of judges will be music industry professionals.
8. Finalist must provide a performance quality audio CD if performing to backtracks. Finalist performing acoustically must advise which instrument they will be using, guitar or piano. No lead vocal on CD, no key changer is available. CD should be "Contest Ready".
9. The finals will be held at:
Carassauga Festival
Hershey Centre, Outdoor Stage
Saturday May 27th, 2017
4:00 pm (*contestants must arrive two hours prior to set contest time*)
Finalists will receive further instructions with their notification.
10. The Judges decisions are final.
11. All applicants participating in the Carassauga Discovers New Talent contest, each contestant:
 - a. grants permission to Carassauga Inc and its affiliates to use, without compensation of any kind, any photograph, audio, video tapes, other audio or visual images or recordings, including digital recordings, in such a manner as Carassauga Inc and its affiliates may determine including any promotions or advertising and,
 - b. waives any right to any fee or compensation for any of the aforesaid and releases Carassauga Inc. and its affiliates from any loss, damage, injury or expense, which the contestant may suffer or incur as a result of his or her participation in the event, however caused.

PRIZES

- The Carassauga Discovers New Talent winner will receive a 3 Original Song Demo written and produced by Canadian Producers, Adrian and Lucas Rezza, professionally known as "80 Empire".
- The winner will have a chance to showcase at the 2018 Carassauga Festival on the main stage with 4 passes.
- Optional event opportunities to perform throughout the year include:
 - Carassauga Banquet Awards Ceremony 2017
 - Carassauga Media Launch 2018
 - Carassauga Kick-Off 2018