



## **MICHIANA IDOL CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES**

- ★ All contestants must be 16 years of age or older and present valid photo identification.
- ★ A release must be signed by the contestant or parent / guardian to participate.
- ★ Please arrive one hour before show time to get registered.
- ★ All contestants must pay the regular event admission fee (\$5.00 per person) for each of the qualifying rounds they compete in.
- ★ Contestants who have qualified to move on to the subsequent rounds will be admitted at no charge AFTER they've qualified
- ★ Rules & evaluation criteria are subject to change at any time.
- ★ The decisions of the judges, Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET and the Stations of Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. are final.
- ★ Employees and immediate family members of Sturges Young Auditorium,

WBET and the Stations of Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. and the judges are not eligible to participate.

- ★ Judging is based on vocal ability, stage performance, & creativity
- ★ Scoring will be comprised of the judges' decision, crowd vote and online vote.
- ★ Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET and the Stations of Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. have NO affiliation with the judges.
- ★ Ballot voting is limited to one ballot vote per person.
- ★ Voters must be present to vote by ballot the night of the event.
- ★ Online voting will be held on WBET's website ([www.wbetfm.com](http://www.wbetfm.com))
- ★ Contestants must execute their performances contest in a tasteful manner with respect for the sponsors, Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET and the Stations of Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc., and the judges.
- ★ No rude or abusive language will be tolerated from contestants or other guests.
- ★ The retail value of the prize is \$993.00
- ★ Contestants should provide their own karaoke disc(s) for each night of the competition, as only a limited selection will be available for you to choose from.
- ★ Please do not bring burned discs. There is no guarantee they will play.

# MICHIANA IDOL CONTESTANT INFORMATION

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

October 2nd - Qualifiers @ 7:00 p.m.  
October 9th - Qualifiers @ 7:00 p.m.  
October 16<sup>th</sup> - @ Quarter-Finals @ 7:00 p.m. (online voting starts)  
October 23th – Semi-Finals @ 7:00 p.m. (online voting)  
October 30th - Finals @ 7:00 p.m.

## Notes of Interest

- 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 do not bring burned discs.
- Fit the part: Pick a song that suits you, wear clothing that fits your act, & use the whole stage, as all of this will be reflected in your judges' score.
- Never feel afraid to ask any questions.

Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET and the Stations of Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc. have the right to utilize audio, video, mug shots, & bio's of each contestant throughout the competition. Always check [wbetfm.com](http://wbetfm.com) for your up-to-date information on "Michiana Idol."

**Should you have any questions regarding "Michiana Idol" please contact D. J. Selner at Swick Broadcasting Company (260) 665-9554; 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 THE ATTENTION OF D. J. SELNER AT 260-665-9064 OR BRAD DONMEYER AT 269-651-7008 IF YOU WISH.**

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this release, I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) acknowledge that my participation in the Michiana Idol Contest, sponsored by **Sturges Young Auditorium, WBET and the Stations of Swick Broadcasting Company, Inc.** 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, WBET and the stations of 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, WBET and the stations of 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 (Parent If Minor):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent Name If Applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

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