

Steel City Coffee House
1st Annual Emerging Talent Competition
Grand Prize \$250.00
(see rules and other prizes below)

Finding tomorrow's top singers, musicians, comedians, and poet . . . today!

Rules and Conditions

- This competition is open to unsigned artists and musicians ages 12-21.
- There are five categories
 - **Spoken Word/ Comedy (poetry, dramatic reading, comedy)**
 - **Singer/Songwriter I (solo or duos only)**
 - **Singer/Songwriter II (solo or duos only)**
 - **Instrumentalists**
 - **Bands (three-five members)**
- Two finalists will be chosen from each of the five categories listed above and will then go on to the finale on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Finalists in each category receive a \$30 gift card from Steel City Coffee House
- At the **Finale**, prizes will be given as follows:
 - **Grand Prize:** \$250 cash, a certificate of achievement, and performance slot at Steel City Coffee House in 2010.
 - **1st Runner Up:** \$50 cash and a certificate of achievement.
- All applications must include a \$20 entry fee. **Do not send cash.** Checks and money order must be made out to Steel City Coffee House.
- Performer slots are limited to 12 in each category so early entry is a must (**except for bands, where the limit is 6**). Should a category draw five or less contestants, we reserve the right to cancel that category and money will be refunded to contestants.
- Entry fee is non-refundable unless entry is received after the deadline or after we have already received 12 entries in each category. (**6 for the bands**).
- All performers must pre-register by the registration date listed next to the category descriptions on the application.
- Employees of Steel City Coffee House and their families are not eligible to compete.
- All acts must have email access for delivery of competition materials and performance times.
- All acts must be available on the date of the competition and the finale.
- All acts must sign a name and photo release for Steel City Coffee House.
- All performers under age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the application.
- All performances must be in good taste. Acts that use profanity and vulgarity will be automatically disqualified.
- Bands must agree to share some equipment (i.e. drums in particular).
- Each competition will start at 7:00 PM. There will be an admission fee to the finale, \$5 adults (18 and over), \$3 ages 10-17, \$1 children 9 and under. Other semi-final rounds will have free admission.
- Other than the spoken word category, acts must be available for setup 2 hours in advance of the time of the performance. Acts that do not show up for setup, will be disqualified.
- Artists using CD's must provide the CD marked with their name and with the music accompaniment as the only song on the CD.
- Steel City does not have a piano.
- The audience will have 25% of the vote while the judges will have the remaining 75%. The judges may vary throughout the contest. For each contest there will be three judges, plus the audience vote. Since the audience vote counts for 25%, it is important to invite your friends and family.
- Judging criteria will include:

Please read this thoroughly before filling out the application.

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2010 Application
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Please make sure all information is complete, incomplete applications will not be processed! There is a non-refundable \$20 processing fee for all applications. Once each category is filled, we will not accept any more and return applications w/ the \$20 processing fee to the address listed below.

Participant Name or Group Name:

Point of Contact:

Age or age range: _____ **DOB:** _____ (month and year only) You may be asked to provide.

Address:

City, State: _____ **ZIP:**

Phone:

Email Address:

_____ @ _____

(To receive acceptance notices, all contestants MUST have email access!)

Please check the category for which you are applying: (check only one per application please)

February 10th, Spoken Word (Poetry/Comedy/Dramatic Reading) _____ Registration deadline 02/05/10

February 24th, Instrumentalists _____ Registration deadline 02/15/10

March 3rd, Singer/Songwriters I (solo or duo) _____ Registration deadline 02/26/10

March 10th, Singer/Songwriters II (solo or duo) _____ Registration deadline 03/03/10

March 24th, Bands (three-five members) _____ Registration deadline 03/19/10

FINALE on March 31, 2010 7:00 PM

(All competitions are on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM)

Please provide a brief description your act including any instruments involved:

Do you have any special needs or technical requests?

Please list method of accompaniment (CD, live, etc.):

By signing below I am acknowledging that I have read and understand the contest rules and conditions and confirm that the contestant listed above is between the ages of 12 and 21. Parents: If the contestant is age 18 or below, please sign for them:

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

**Please return the application with \$20 processing fee to:
Steel City Coffee House 203 Bridge Street Phoenixville, PA 19460
For inquiries please contact: steelcitycoffee@aol.com
*No calls to the coffeehouse please!***