

# VIRTUAL Star of Houston Karaoke Contest Rules

The VIRTUAL Star of Houston Karaoke Contest 2021 (“the contest”) is a fundraising activity, benefiting Houston Show Choir. *Greater Houston Chorus DBA Houston Show Choir is a non-profit organization registered under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to the organization are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

By entering the VIRTUAL Star of Houston Karaoke Contest 2021, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and will comply with the contest rules.

## Process

1. The cost to enter is \$25 USD for soloists and \$40 USD for groups of 2-4.
2. The contest has a total of three (3) rounds.
  - a. Round One is open to any number of acts.
  - b. Round Two will consist of the ten (10) entries from Round One (either the ten entries with the highest number of votes, or five top entries from each from the individual and group categories, depending on the number of Round 1 entries in each category).
  - c. The Final Round will be held LIVE on May 28th, and will consist of the five (5) contestants/groups that received the most votes in Round Two.
3. The schedule for each part of the contest is as follows:
  - a. Round One entries: April 24 (8am CST) - May 6 (8pm CST)
  - b. Round One voting: May 7 (8pm CST) - May 15 (8pm CST)
  - c. Round Two entries: May 15 (8pm CST) - May 18 (8pm CST)
  - d. Round Two voting: May 19 (8pm CST) - May 22 (8pm CST)
  - e. Final Round contestant entries: May 22 (8pm CST) - May 25 (8pm CST)
  - f. Final Round live event: May 28 (6-8pm CST, exact time to be confirmed)
  - g. Final Round voting: May 28 (8pm CST) - May 29 (8pm CST)
4. Acts participate in each round for which they qualify by submitting a video of themselves or their duo/group singing a song of their choice.
5. Votes are collected through the Osmos Vote system. Singers will be provided with links to share their entry, and the contest will be promoted by Houston Show Choir. Votes are received as donations to Houston Show Choir. Each dollar donated represents one vote. Donors may vote for any number of contestants, with contributions of any amount.
6. At the live online event on May 28th, which is the Final Round, contestants will have the opportunity to speak to viewers of the event to encourage voting.
7. The three acts that receive the most votes in the Final Round will receive prizes as follows (if winners are groups of 2-4, the group will be responsible for dividing the prize):
  - a. First Place: \$500 USD
  - b. Second Place: \$300 USD
  - c. Third Place: \$200 USD

# Rules

1. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age on April 24th, 2021.
2. The contest is open to individual performers and groups of 2-4, singing unaccompanied or with a recorded track. Tracks should not include any lead vocals.
3. To enter, contestants must do ALL of these things. Video submissions will not be approved until all these steps have occurred.
  - a. Complete the [registration process](#) and pay the non-refundable registration fee.
  - b. Create a performance video that is available on YouTube, and submit the link in the [song submission form](#). Please refer to the image guides below for further instructions on how to upload a video to YouTube.
  - c. Send a profile photo to Houston Show Choir at [karaoke@houstonshowchoir.org](mailto:karaoke@houstonshowchoir.org).
4. Before the registration window closes (May 6th at 8pm CST), contestants must specify their song for Round One in the [song submission form](#). Contestants who progress to Round Two and the Final Round will be expected to perform different songs and upload new videos for each round.
5. Profanity or inappropriate conduct are not permitted. Contest staff reserve the right to not approve video entries that are in poor taste.
6. Contestants give Houston Show Choir permission to share photographs and/or video (which may be edited) of the karaoke contest in publicity materials and on social media.
7. Questions may be directed to the contest organizers at [karaoke@houstonshowchoir.org](mailto:karaoke@houstonshowchoir.org).

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# Guides for Contestant Submissions

## Performance Videos

Acts will need to create 1-3 performance videos for the contest, depending on how many rounds for which they qualify. For the videos to be available for voting, they must be posted in a virtual location with a URL (address) to be shared with the Osmos Vote site. Options to achieve this include (but are not limited to) YouTube or Vimeo, however, YouTube is preferred. This screenshot may be helpful if you are using YouTube, to show you how to make the video setting unlisted if you prefer it not to be available in online searches.

The screenshot shows the YouTube upload interface with three steps: 1. Details, 2. Video elements, and 3. Visibility. The 'Visibility' step is active. Under the heading 'Visibility', there are three main options: 'Save or publish', 'Schedule', and 'Set as instant Premiere'. The 'Save or publish' section is expanded, showing three radio button options: 'Public' (selected), 'Private', and 'Unlisted'. The 'Unlisted' option is circled in red. Below these options is a checkbox for 'Set as instant Premiere'. To the right, a video player shows the video title 'How Far I'll Go' and a 'Video link' field containing the URL 'https://youtu.be/Rb9Sm92uMbk'. A red arrow points from a blue-bordered box containing the text 'Copy this link for the registration form and the Osmos Vote site' to the video link field. Another blue-bordered box contains the text 'Set the visibility to "Unlisted". This will allow others to view your video on the Osmos Vote website, but will prevent it from showing up in YouTube searches', with a red circle around the 'Unlisted' option.

Details — 2 Video elements — 3 Visibility

### Visibility

Choose when to publish and who can see your video

**Save or publish**  
Make your video **public, unlisted, or private**

**Private**  
Only you and people you choose can watch your video

**Unlisted**  
Anyone with the video link can watch your video

**Public**  
Everyone can watch your video

Set as instant Premiere [?](#)

**Schedule**  
Select a date and time to publish your video

**Before you publish, check the following.**

**Do kids appear in this video?**  
Make sure you follow our policies to protect minors from harm, exploitation, bullying, and violations of labor law. [Learn more](#)

**Looking for overall content guidance?**  
Our Community Guidelines can help you avoid trouble and ensure that YouTube remains a safe and vibrant community. [Learn more](#)

Uploading video...

How Far I'll Go

Video link  
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