

SDSG Presents the

2008 San Diego Songwriters Guild Song Contest

Have you written a great song?
Join us on November 12, when
recorded entries will be judged by
industry pros during our in-per-
son FINAL LISTENING SESSION

SDSG's 17th Annual Song Contest will be held **Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Country Inn & Suites in Sorrento Valley**. The contest is a popular tradition for San Diego writers, and offers a unique opportunity to hear a tremendous cross section of local work. Prize winners are selected by a panel of industry professionals in our final event on November 12, during which song entries recorded on CD or cassette are played for both judges and audience to hear. **Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on this jam-packed night**, an exciting prospect indeed. If you are a songwriter, or a producer or artist looking for some new material, Country Inn & Suites, located at 5975 Lusk Boulevard, San Diego 92121 is the place to be on Wednesday, November 12.



The contest is open to the public. You may join the Guild or renew your membership simultaneously with your entry and take advantage of member discounts. Check the Guild website at SDSongwriters.org for membership details and application forms.

Submit your entries by mail or in-person. To guarantee entry into the contest, and to qualify for the early entry discount, songs must be mailed to SDSG and received no later than November 1, 2008. Mail-in entries are being accepted now. Up to 70 recorded songs will be judged in the Finals the

Hear the songs others are writing and learn what is going on in San Diego's music scene

Hang out and meet fellow writers as songs are played for all in attendance

Find out how your compositions measure up to those of your fellow songwriters

night of Wednesday, November 12. If more than 70 entries are received by November 1, a panel of judges will pre-screen and select the 70 top songs for the Finals. If space permits, SDSG will accept additional entries before and on the night of the Final. However, registration by mail is encouraged to guarantee your entries can be accepted. **Please see the 2008 Contest Rules and Entry Form on reverse for complete details.**

The San Diego Songwriters Guild has established a tradition of excellence in the World's Finest City. Founded in 1982, the Guild serves local writers, artists and producers by offering access to established recording industry professionals in a variety of personal forums. Functions include pitch sessions and educational seminars, live shows at a variety of local venues, and our annual Song Contest.

Thank You Country Inn & Suites for your generous support.

FINALS: Wednesday, November 12, 2008

COUNTRY INN & SUITES

5975 Lusk Boulevard, San Diego 92121

www.countryinns.com/hotels/casdiego

(858) 558-1818

**Late Entries will be accepted starting
6:00 PM on November 12, space permitting**

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- All styles of music are eligible.
- Each song must be the contestant's original work. Contestants and their collaborators retain full rights to all work submitted.
- Maximum number of song submissions is two per writer. Co-Writes count proportionately toward this total. (For example: An entry with two writers counts as 1/2 of one entry for each writer.) SDSG reserves the right to limit entries further.
- Songs will be judged by industry professionals and songwriters.
- Judges will use five criteria: melody, form, originality, lyrics (when applicable), and presentation.
- Contest is open to all amateur songwriters, meaning one who has not been employed as a staff writer for a publishing company or being paid for such services, and/or receiving more than \$2,500 from royalties income within the past year.
- No song previously recorded and released through major national distribution in any country will be eligible.
- Prizewinning songs from prior SDSG Song Contests are not eligible. This does not include Performing Songwriter Contests.
- Prizes for this year's contest have yet to be determined. Check out prizes from prior years at our website, SDSongwriters.org. Note: many of the prizes are "San Diego" based and can only be redeemed in San Diego stores, offices, and studios.
- Winners are responsible for division of prizes.
- To qualify for the Early Mail-in Registration Discount Fee, entries must be received by November 1, 2008. If entries exceed 70, a pre-screening session will be conducted by industry professionals and songwriters. The top 70 songs entered will be Finalists. Entries may be accepted after November 1, 2008 subject to availability.
- Winners will be determined at the Final Event, Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at Country Inn & Suites in Sorrento Valley. www.countryinns.com/hotels/casdiego for directions. Registration Opens at 6:00 PM and the Contest starts at 7:00 PM.
- SDSG is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen, or misappropriated entries.
- Tapes/CD's/Lyric Sheets will not be returned.
- Entries that violate these rules may be disqualified, and submitted fees will not be returned. All SDSG decisions are final.

EACH ENTRY MUST CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Entry Form:** Completed and signed Entry Form, see below, photocopy is OK. **One Form per song entered.**
- **CD or Audio Cassette:** Each song must be submitted on its own individual CD or Cassette Tape. You must indicate the track number of each song submitted on CD. Tapes must be cued to within 5 seconds.
- **Lyric Sheets:** 5 copies of lyric sheets (please include English translation if applicable). Sheets are not required for instrumental compositions. Performer's/songwriter's names must **not** appear on lyric sheets. Entries will be number coded to assure impartiality in judging.
- **Fees:** Check or money order (U.S. currency only) payable to SDSG:

Early Mail-in Registration Discount Fees (To qualify, entries must be received no later than November 1, 2008)
\$10 (Current SDSG Member) or \$15 (Non-SDSG Member) per song.

Fees the night of November 12 or Mail in after November 1 (Limited numbers of entrants may be accepted)
\$15 (Current SDSG Member) or \$20 (Non-SDSG Member) per song.

One check or money order for multiple entries is acceptable. Join SDSG or renew your expired membership when you enter and you may enter at member rates. Membership Applications are available at SDSongwriters.org.

Mail Entries To: San Diego Songwriters Guild Contest
3368 Governor Drive, Suite F-326 • San Diego, CA 92122

Questions or comments? Contact us at sdsongwriters@hotmail.com Website: www.sdsongwriters.org

2008 SDSG Song Contest Entry Form - Submit ONE with EACH song entered

Per-Song Payment Enclosed (circle one): Current SDSG Member: \$10 / \$15 Non-Member: \$15 / \$20

Song Title: _____ CD Track Number: _____

Songwriter Name(s): _____

Contact Name/Relationship to Writer(s): _____

Contact Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have read the contest rules and accept the terms and conditions. Signed: _____

Songwriter's Signature and Date