

SDSG Presents the

# 2007 San Diego Songwriters Guild Song Contest

**Have you written a great song?  
Register by mail by November 1,  
then, join us on Wednesday,  
November 14, for LIVE FINALS  
where top entries will be judged  
BEFORE YOUR VERY EARS!**

SDSG's 16th Annual Song Contest will be held **Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at the Chicken Pie Diner in San Marcos Restaurant Row.** The contest is a very popular tradition for San Diego writers, and offers a unique opportunity to hear a tremendous cross section of local work on one jam-packed night. Prize winners are selected by a panel of industry professionals in our LIVE final event. Winners will be determined and prizes awarded in real time, an exciting prospect indeed. If you are a songwriter, or a producer or artist looking for some new material, the Diner is the place to be on November 14, no doubt!

The Chicken Pie Diner will be serving **Classic Comfort Food** including great burgers, shakes and a lot more... **including a full bar.**

**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. To guarantee entry into the contest, and to qualify for the early entry discount, songs must be received by SDSG no later than November 1, 2007.** Mail In Entries are being accepted now. Up to 70 songs will be judged in the live Finals the night of Wednesday, November 14. 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,



*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*

*Win great prizes!*

SDSG will accept additional entries before and on the night of the Final. However, pre-registration by mail is encouraged to guarantee your entries will be accepted. **Please see the 2007 Contest Rules and Entry Form on the reverse side of this flyer 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. Our meetings range from pitch sessions with publishers and labels, to live shows and performing events, to educational seminars and discussion groups, to our annual Song Contest.

**FINALS: Wednesday, November 14, 2007  
7:00 PM at Chicken Pie Diner San Marcos  
1020 West San Marcos Blvd, Number 130  
San Marcos, CA 92078  
760.591.9393**



*If space permits, Late Entries will be accepted starting at 6:15 PM on November 14*

**San Diego Songwriters Guild  
SDSongwriters@hotmail.com  
www.SDSongwriters.org**

# SAN DIEGO SONGWRITERS GUILD • 2007 SONG CONTEST RULES

- 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 (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](http://SDSongwriters.org). Note: some 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, 2007. If entries exceed 70, a pre-screening session will be conducted by industry professionals and songwriters. The top 70 songs entered will be Finalists. A limited number of entries may be accepted after November 1, 2007 subject to availability.
- Winners will be determined at the live Final Event, November 14, 2007 at Chicken Pie Diner, San Marcos, California.
- 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, 2007)  
\$10 (Current SDSG Member) or \$15 (Non-SDSG Member) per song.

Fees the night of November 14 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](http://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](mailto:sdsongwriters@hotmail.com) Website: [www.sdsongwriters.org](http://www.sdsongwriters.org)

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## 2007 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