



2009 Contestant Rules

REQUIREMENTS

You must be able to prove at the time of your audition, if any, that:

- You are a legal U.S. citizen or a permanent U.S. resident who is eligible to work full-time in the United States; and
- You will be at least 16 years old on January 26th, 2009, which means you must have been born on or before January 26th, 1992. If you were born after this date, you are not eligible to participate this year.

You are ineligible to participate if you are a member of, or are a dependent child of any member of the following groups –

- Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center Staff
- Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center Board of Directors
- Spring Sing 2009 Audition Panel
- Spring Sing 2009 Judges' Panel

If you are asked to be a contestant for the March 21st, 2009 competition you **MUST** be able to attest that you do not have any of the following:

- a contract for talent representation (for example, a talent agent or manager);
- a music recording contract;
- an acting contract;
- membership in any actors' or performers' union(s) or any other affiliations that would designate you as a professional performer.

If you cannot attest to that, see the Release Form for special conditions.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

You should plan on arriving at the Steinman College Center on the campus of F&M 15 minutes prior to your audition time. Auditions will be in room B-12 (follow the Spring Sing signs) with waiting in the hall outside. Direct parking is available in front of the Steinman College Center on College Avenue. There will also be parking available in the Williamson Parking Lot.

Locations, Dates and Time: It is anticipated that auditions will start no later than 9:30 am on the first audition day and 1:00pm. On the second. There will be no access to the audition room or waiting area prior to 9:15am on the first day or 12:45pm on the second.

Schedule:

Saturday

9:30am to 6:00pm

Room B-12, Steinman College Center, Franklin & Marshall College

Address: 931 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17604

Actual Auditions: You will have 5 minutes total to introduce yourself, set-up, and sing your audition piece. People who exceed that time will be asked to stop and judged based on their completed segment only.

Parking: Free but on a limited basis. Please come no later than 15 minutes prior to your audition time and no earlier than 30 minutes prior.

Sunday

1:00pm to 8:00pm

Room B-12, Steinman College Center, Franklin & Marshall College

Address: 931 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17604

Actual Auditions: You will have 5 minutes total to introduce yourself, set-up, and sing your audition piece. People who exceed that time will be asked to stop and judged based on their completed segment only.

Parking: Free but on a limited basis. Please come no later than 15 minutes prior to your audition time and no earlier than 30 minutes prior.

What to Bring to the Auditions:

- **Identification:** You must bring two forms of identification that show proof of your age and a photograph (for example, a birth certificate and driver's license or a birth certificate and a passport or a birth certificate and a school ID card). If your birth certificate was not issued in the United States, you must also bring proof of citizenship and/or permanent U.S. residency.
- **Release:** Print out and sign the release form provided at www.welshmountain.com. These release forms will only be available in a limited supply at the audition venues, so please bring the completed form with you.

- Under 18: If you are under 18 years of age, you must be accompanied by your parent or legal guardian. If you are accompanied by a legal guardian (as opposed to a parent), your legal guardian must bring proof of guardianship or you will not be able to audition. In addition, your parent or legal guardian must have the authority to sign documents on your behalf, including the release form on the website (which should be signed by you and your parent and/or legal guardian, as indicated on the form).

What to Sing at the Auditions: You WILL NOT be permitted to sing a cappella (without music). You must bring an accompaniment CD WITHOUT a voice track (a karaoke CD for example). You may sing any song of your choice, but the recommended song length is 2 to 3 minutes if you'd like to sing the entire piece. If you are chosen as a contestant, you will be asked to choose two songs to perform, both of which you must provide to Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center on CD or via email. Your audition song may be one of those two songs.

Rules in Waiting Area: Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center reserves the right to audition people out of order. Due to space limitations, **ONLY ONE FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER** in addition to the person being auditioned will be admitted into the Steinman College Center waiting area. **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO OTHER PEOPLE IN LINE. IF WE DISCOVER THAT YOU HAVE DISCOURTEOUS TO ANOTHER PERSON IN LINE, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE AUDITION PROCESS.**

Paperwork: In order to participate in the auditions, you will be required to fill out, sign and agree to all of the terms and conditions of Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center's required forms (your parents and/or legal guardians in addition in the case of contestants under 18 years of age). You must also have paid your registration fee of \$10.00 in advance to be on the audition list. All of the forms will be available on our website at www.welshmountain.com. **ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND TRUTHFULLY. IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE ANY FORM, GIVE ANY FALSE INFORMATION, OR FAIL TO REVEAL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION, YOU MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE AUDITION PROCESS AND COMPETITION.**

Disqualifications: We reserve the right to disqualify and/or exclude, in our sole and absolute discretion, any individual from any of the auditions for any reason or for no reason at all, including without limitation, violation of any portion of these rules, or tampering with the entry process or the audition process. We also reserve the right to change the rules and procedures at any time. Being chosen to audition and/or compete at any level in the process does NOT ensure that you will be selected to continue to the next stage.

General Conditions: By participating, entrants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center, the audition panel, the voting audience, and the panel of judges, which shall be final and binding. Your presence at the

auditions, and the presence of your friends, family members, and anyone else accompanying you, constitutes your and their consent and agreement to the recording and use of your and their performance, appearance, name, voice, singing voice, likeness and any musical or sound effects produced by you and/or them for use in connection with any print, television or radio advertisement, television program, or the Internet for all purposes (including advertising, marketing, promotion, merchandising and the exploitation of any and all ancillary and subsidiary rights), as the same may be edited, in all media now known or hereafter created, throughout the universe, in perpetuity for no compensation, unless otherwise required by law. If you and/or your friends, family members, or anyone else accompanying you to the audition, do not wish to be photographed, or do not agree with these terms, **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE AUDITIONS AND DO NOT ENTER THE VENUE WHERE THE AUDITIONS ARE TAKING PLACE.** Your and/or their attendance at the audition event will be conclusively deemed to be a waiver of any and all claims for invasion of privacy, defamation, etc. All federal, state and local laws apply. **Audition dates and locations are subject to change.** Welsh Mountain Medical & Dental Center, our official event sponsors, personnel for the event, and any entity connected with the event, administration or judging of the auditions or the program, or any of their respective affiliates, the respective officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, partners, shareholders, attorneys, representatives and members of each of the foregoing entities are not responsible for and shall not be liable for: i) any failure of transportation, bad directions, or the inability, for any reason, of any person to appear at an audition site or to audition or appear before the judging panels; ii) any injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by traveling to or from the audition venues, being present at the audition venues, participating in the auditioning process or being selected to or disqualified from continuing in the auditioning process and/or the show; or iii) any printing, typographical or technological errors in any materials associated with the auditioning process. **NO WEAPONS, ALCOHOL, OR NON-PRESCRIPTION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES WILL BE PERMITTED AT ANY AUDITION OR DURING THE COMPETITION.**

Auditioners / Contestants are permitted from trying to sway the judges in any way beyond the quality of their performances. Likewise the auditioners / contestants families, friends and associates are prohibited from trying to influence the judges in any way whatsoever beyond their applause and reaction to their associate's performance. Contestants must perform the 2 songs chosen and submitted to WMMDC in advance of the March 21st competition – there will be no substitutions. Any behavior that is deemed to be improper by WMMDC's staff, associates, or judges may lead to immediate disqualification.

