

ATTENTION SINGER-SONGWRITERS

New Jersey Folk Festival 20th Annual Singer-Songwriter Showcase

FINAL DEADLINE: December 15, 2014
New Brunswick, NJ

The New Jersey Folk Festival will host its 20th Singer-Songwriter Showcase during the 41st Annual Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2015. While the primary focus of the Festival is on indigenous folk forms passed down via family, home and community traditions, we like to recognize emerging folk artists in an effort to foster and encourage these "new" folk singer-songwriters in our contemporary society. Should you be selected, you will have the opportunity to present your original material to a large, diversified audience. This one-day FREE, nonprofit event features three stages of music, dance, workshops, crafts, children's activities and food. At least six winners will be selected to perform 25 minute sets each on the Festival's Shore Stage, will receive a \$50 honorarium and will be included in the Festival program. www.njfolkfest.org / (848) 932-5775 / shore@njfolkfest.org

WHO MAY ENTER

Singer-songwriters who have *never* before performed at the New Jersey Folk Festival. All songs must contain original words and music. *NOTE: All previous winners are ineligible.

HOW TO ENTER

- Entries can be submitted through our listing on Sonicbids.com **OR** by regular mail.
- To submit by mail, please send a non-refundable \$15 entry fee by December 15, 2014 along with your completed entry form. Only one entry per person permitted. *NOTE: We must RECEIVE your entry by the specified deadline.
- Enclose a demo CD of **(3) songs exactly**. No other recordings longer in length will be accepted.
- Lyric sheets must be included for all 3 songs. All songs must contain original words and music; no instrumentals.
- All songs on entry must be sung by the author; selected authors must agree to and be able to perform at the Festival to retain status as a winner. Winners must sing original songs at the Festival.
- We are particularly interested in songs referring to New Jersey so we encourage, but do not limit, songwriters to focus on The Garden State. For example, songwriters may wish to refer to New Jersey cities, neighborhoods, culture, values and lifestyles.
- Please do not enclose bio info or other press materials with your initial entry submission.
- All winners will be notified no later than January 15, 2015.
- Judging will take place by an impartial panel of judges. Criteria will be based on originality of lyrics, melody, vocal quality and overall appeal. Recording quality will not be a factor, but entries should be clear and representative.
- Entries will not be returned under any circumstances and become the property of the New Jersey Folk Festival.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES: DECEMBER 15, 2014

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE NEW JERSEY FOLK FESTIVAL

Mail this form, payment, entry and lyric sheets to: NJ Folk Fest, Attn: Singer-Songwriter Showcase, American Studies Dept, 131 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1414. This application is also available online at www.njfolkfest.org.