

IWMA 2023 SONGWRITING CONTEST!

The second IWMA Songwriting Contest begins May 1. Anyone who writes songs is encouraged to enter. There is a nominal entry fee shown below in the rules and rewards section. Last year's winner was a lady who had only written two songs in her life; second place went to a professional songwriter. It just shows that anyone can win. Let's make this another great event for the IWMA this year. We hope you will get excited and will enter a song from your own pen.

1. There are two categories for the contest this year:
secular cowboy/western song & cowboy gospel song.
2. Fee is \$25 a song or three (3) songs for \$50.
3. There can be more than one songwriter for a song,
the prize to be divided between them as they see fit.
4. A lyric sheet must be provided for each song.
5. Judges will be music business professionals.
6. Grand prize will be \$1000, a free half-page ad in
The Western Way, and a free Silver Spur Package for
this year's IWMA convention.
7. Grand prize winner will get to perform the song on
this year's Convention Friday Night Opry in a featured
slot where the \$1,000 prize will be presented.
8. Second Place prize is \$200 and an opportunity to
perform the song on this year's Convention Friday
Night Opry where the prize will be presented.
9. Contest dates are May 1-July 31. Entries may be
received before this window but not later than July 31.
Send to: meoteo@aol.com; or, IWMA Contest,
10430 W. Loma Blanca Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351
10. Winner will be notified ahead of time but will not
receive his/her award until the convention.
11. Songs must be ones that have not been previously
released in a recording.
12. Songs must fall lyrically into the cowboy/western
genre. *Song may be written to fit any musical style –
rock 'n' roll, folk, celtic, easy listening, etc. – but must
speak to the life, work, nature, history, landscape,
romance, etc., of life in the west past or present or to
life lived in the west outside the city. Cowboy gospel
songs must reference the cowboy or the west as in the
style of Bob Nolan.*
13. Songs must be submitted by mp3 or on disc. *Songs do
not have to be recorded in a professional studio. Song may
be simply performed and recorded with a home device.*
14. Songs must be submitted with no more than two
(2) instruments. *Judges will be considering lyrics and
melodies, not performance of the song.*
15. Each entrant must be submitted with the full name(s)
of each songwriter.

For more information contact:

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Name _____

Phone Number () _____

Email _____

Song Title(s) _____

Email _____

Category: ☐ Traditional ☐ Gospel
(\$25 per song entry/\$50 for 3 songs)

Payment Information ☐ Check/Money Order enclosed

☐ Credit Card ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

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