

SOUTH WAIKATO AWARDS 2024



SONGWRITERS ENTRIES CLOSE 7th JUNE 2024
ALL OTHER ENTRIES CLOSE 14TH JUNE 2024

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNLESS CLOSING DATE EXTENDED.

Post to:
South Waikato Awards
47 Arapuni Street
PUTARURU 3411

Or email to:
southwaikatoawards@gmail.com

13th - 14th JULY 2024

OVERALL WINNERS

GO THROUGH TO ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR 2024 BEING HELD AT THE SIR
HOWARD MORRISON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, ROTORUA
12 OCTOBER 2024

CONVENORS: Dianne Morris-Madill and Leeanne Dunn - 027 648 7891.
EMAIL: southwaikatoawards@gmail.com

VENUE:	The Putaruru Plaza, Kensington Street.
Registrations	Friday 12 th July 5.30 - 7.30 pm - All chord charts required on registration. NO SATURDAY MORNING REGISTRATION
Auditions start 	8.30am 13 th July
Admission fee	Adults \$8.00 U/15 \$3.00
Finalist rehearsals	After final audition of the day ONLY if time allows
Finals	1.00pm Sunday 14 th July
Admission fee	Adults \$15.00 U/15 \$5.00

Non finalist Junior & Intermediate contestants with proof of entry can enter finals show for \$5.00
Non finalist Senior, Veteran & Sapphire contestants with proof of entry can enter finals show for \$10.00

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Rules of Entry for South Waikato Awards New Zealand Country Music Association Inc. **Please read carefully**

Rules for Original Songwriters Section

1. Open to all age groups

2. Song or tune to be recorded in MP3 format. Lyrics and chord notations on separate sheets of paper.
Please do not put your name on sheets.

3. Recording of Song must be accompanied by one acoustic instrument only and no harmony backing.

4. Joint entries are acceptable, providing entrants comply with Award rules

5. Only songs/ tunes that have not been recorded for sale commercially are eligible for entry

6. Entrants must be amateur as defined by the N.Z.C.M.A Inc. rules of entry in the N.Z.C.M.A.INC Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award.

7. Song or tune must not have won an NZCMA Affiliated Award in the past.

House rules for Original Songwriters Section

1. All songs are pre-judged, and judge's decision is FINAL

2. Winning song will be retained by South Waikato Awards Committee and forwarded to the Entertainer of the Year Committee on behalf of the winner.

Rules for all other Categories

1. All material performed in these Awards must be of **COUNTRY ORIGIN except for Māori Waiata Section where you will be judged on pronunciation, enunciation and performance of a Māori Waiata.**

2. All contestants must be a current financial member of a club that has been affiliated to New Zealand Country Music Association (NZCMA) at least three (3) months prior to these awards.

3. Current Overall winners of Awards eligible for the NZCMA Country Music Entertainer of the Year Awards, are eligible to enter Awards but cannot represent any other Award in that same category. (Categories are defined as Solo, Duo, or Group.) in which they have already qualified.

4. SECTION AGES:

JUNIOR: Under THIRTEEN (13) years as at the FIRST (1) day of August of the current circuit year.

INTERMEDIATE: THIRTEEN (13) years but under the age of EIGHTEEN (18) years as at the FIRST (1) day of August of the current circuit year

SENIOR: EIGHTEEN (18) years but under the age of 55 as at the FIRST (1) day of August of the current circuit year.

VETERAN: FIFTY-FIVE (55 - 75) yrs. as at the FIRST (1) day of August, of the current circuit year.

SAPPHIRES: 76 and over as at the FIRST (1) day of August, of the current circuit year.

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5. Contestants must be amateur as defined and not contracted to a recording company or receive a major part of their income in the last FIVE (5) years from these activities. (Amateur is defined as not deriving a major portion of income from performing music)
6. Where stage names are used full names must be advised on the entry form. Once accepted, no substitutes are permitted, but members of a group may be less than originally advised but no less than THREE (3).
7. No harmony backing except as part of DUO/GROUP entry, or other enhancements allowed
8. Instrumentalists using electronic instruments, e.g., keyboards, must not utilise memory banks for pre-programmed automated playing.
9. Competitors are restricted to their respective age groups.
10. Contestants eligible for the N.Z.C.M.A.INC. Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award must abide by the Rules of Entry to the N.Z.C.M.A.INC. Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award as defined by the N.Z.C.M.A.INC.
11. Any violation of the above rules may result in disqualification. In the event of a dispute or interpretation of the rules, the Convenors decision will be binding on all parties.
12. **Judge's decision is FINAL**

NB. Contestants are to provide stamped self-addressed envelope if requiring times prior to registration or supply a current email address on entry form. Audition times will be drawn by ballot.

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SOUTH WAIKATO AWARDS HOUSE RULES

1. The entry form must be signed and verified by the President or Secretary of the represented clubs after it is filled in. Entry fees must accompany entries or be paid into Awards Bank Account. Incomplete entries not accepted.
2. Backing bands will be available for auditions except in Western and Traditional - see criteria. No other accompanist is allowed unless the contestant plays own instrument.
3. Contestants are required to provide Five (5) copies of fully chorded song sheets - with contestants name, section and attached to a firm backing with non-reflective surface.
4. Contestants perform one item completely in the auditions. Finalists must perform a different song to that performed in the auditions. Except for Waiata Māori where audition song will be sung in the finals.
5. Contestants need to report 30 minutes prior to their audition time. **Please be prepared to go on earlier if ahead of time due to cancellations etc.** If not available when called will be disqualified.
6. Judging will be on Musical Ability, Presentation, and Entertainment Value. Tiebreakers will be on a count back of Entertainment Value.
7. The Awards Committee has the right to limit the number of entries. They may add to, combine or remove from the programme where necessary and beneficial to the majority. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ENTRY DATE IS EXTENDED.**
8. The Convenor must be consulted prior to any recalls being performed.
9. The organisers reserve the right to record and broadcast any or all of the Auditions/Finals subject to copyright conditions where applicable.
10. Contestant's equipment is used and stored at his /her own risk. The Awards Committee will not be responsible for the loss, damage or theft of personal effects and /or property.
11. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any function. No alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted in the venues or backstage.
12. Contestants must not contact judges or scrutineers with the intent to influence decisions or allocations of points.
13. Combined **Duo/Group** - A competitor may enter as part of a duo once and as part of a group once.
14. **Under 18 and Over 18 Sections** - Are eligible to win age category **OVERALL** titles with **HIGHEST POINTS**. This makes them eligible to go through to EOTY.
15. **Judge's decision is FINAL**

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These sections all qualify for the Entertainer of the Year 2024.



Entry Fees – these sections qualify for EOTY.

<u>JUNIOR</u>		<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	
Junior Solo	\$5.00	Intermediate Solo	\$10.00
Gospel	\$5.00	Gospel	\$10.00
Rock	\$5.00	Rock	\$10.00
<u>SENIORS</u>		<u>VETERANS</u>	
Male Solo	\$15.00	Male Solo	\$15.00
Female Solo	\$15.00	Female Solo	\$15.00
Gospel	\$15.00	Gospel	\$15.00
Country Rock <u>(See Criteria)</u>	\$15.00	Country Rock <u>(See Criteria)</u>	\$15.00

SAPPHIRES: (over 76) PLEASE NOTE: Not eligible for overall win or entry to EOTY:

Solo	\$15.00
Gospel	\$15.00
Rock	\$15.00
Duo/Group	\$15.00

OPEN SECTIONS:

Songwriter	\$15.00	Eligible for overall win and EOTY
Duo / Group(Vocal)	\$15.00	Not eligible for overall win or EOTY UNLESS ALL MEMBERS ARE IN THE SAME AGE GROUP
Under 18 Western (Junior/Intermediate)	\$10.00	Eligible for overall win and EOTY. See House Rule 14
Under 18 NZ Song (Junior/Intermediate)	\$10.00	As above
Over18 Western (Senior/Veteran)	\$15.00	As above
Over 18 NZ Song (Senior/Veteran)	\$15.00	As above

Not eligible for overall win or entry to EOTY

Waiata Māori	\$15.00
Traditional (pre 1950)	\$15.00

Bank Account Number if wishing to pay by Direct Credit is: South Waikato Awards:
38-9025-0681405-00 Please put surname in as a reference.

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OFFICAL SONGWRITER ENTRY FORM:



Name:.....

Address:.....

Postal Code:.....

Phone Number:.....

Entry Fee:.....

Email Address:

Name of Club.....

President / Secretary / Treasurer:..... (No photocopied signatures Accepted)

I agree to abide by the rules of the Awards.

Signed:.....

(Contestant / or Parent / or Guardian)

Name of Song (s): _____

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<u>SECTION</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>VETERAN</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>SAPPHIRES:</u>
Solo						
Gospel						
Country Rock						
Under 18 Western						
Over 18 Western						
Duo/Group						
Under 18 NZ Song						
Over 18 NZ Song						
Songwriter						
Waiata Māori						
Traditional Country (pre 1950)						

SONGS FOR AUDITONS AND FINALS - Once submitted no changes allowed:

<u>SECTION:</u>		<u>AUDITION SONG AND WRITER</u>	<u>FINALS SONG AND WRITER</u>
Solo	A		
	F		
Gospel	A		
	F		
Country Rock	A		
	F		
Western	A		
	F		
Traditional Country (pre 1950)	A		
	F		
Waiata Māori (Open - Audition song only required)			

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South Waikato Awards will be awarding a trophy to the **highest scoring non-finalist** under 18 and over 18 and will also pay for their entry to the next NZCMA Affiliated Award that you enter.

ALL SONGS WILL BE VETTED AND ENTRANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IF SONG IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARDS.

N.B Please read criteria for sections:

Gospel:

Must have Christian influence. Contemporary Gospel accepted; **NO HYMNS ACCEPTED.**

Western:

Must be of the West, cowboys, cattle, the prairie, rodeo. This section is either self-accompanied on an **ACOUSTIC GUITAR ONLY**, or with **AWARDS BAND ACOUSTIC GUITARIST.**

Country Rock:

Songs maybe of ANY age, but **MUST** have a definite rock feel, not just a song sung at a rock tempo.

Traditional: Must be of country origin and pre 1950.



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL
AND
ENJOY YOUR TIME IN SOUTH WAIKATO**



There will be NO livestreaming at the Awards, FAMILY ONLY OR A NOMINATED PERSON to Video PLEASE.

There will be a photographer at the Awards - if you do not want your photograph taken, please advise the convenor or the photographer Wendy Ritchie.

