

To register:

No audition is required. However, you will be required to perform your own original material throughout this competition. Performers who do not present their own original material will not be eligible to advance to the finals.

Fill out the registration form at www.wyep.org/singer18 with your contact information and date preference. There are 15 slots for each preliminary round for a total of 60 slots and performers will be chosen at random from all registrants received before midnight, June 22, 2018. We will make every effort to accommodate your first choice of date, but it may be necessary to schedule your performance on a different date.

Please note: these events take place outdoors and are rain or shine. In the event of serious or dangerous inclement weather, WYEP and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership will relocate or reschedule if necessary. In the event of relocation or rescheduling, you will be notified by email of the new date and/or location as soon as the information is available.

All events will be held at Market Square during the Saturday night markets and all shows will begin at 6:00 pm:

July 7

July 21

August 4

August 18

Sept. 8 (finale)

At the preliminary round:

Participants will have 5 minutes to perform one original song in front of a live audience. Each preliminary round has 15 slots and 3 winners will be selected from each preliminary round to advance to the finale. Once the 3 winners are chosen for each preliminary round, they will each have the opportunity to present one more song.

At all rounds:

Songs must be original and written by the performer. All performances must be performed solo with no bands and no backing vocals. If the songwriter is unable to play their instrument, they may bring one accompanist with a single instrument to perform with them. Sound support will be provided, but performers must bring their preferred instrument and any required cables.

Judging and prizes:

Judging will be conducted by a panel of (3) judges – two musicians and one member of WYEP's on-air staff. Performers will be judged on musical composition, lyrics and presentation. Three winners will be chosen at the finale and all decisions of the judges are final. Winners will receive a selection of prizes including gift cards from Backstage Guitars, opportunities for paid performances at future events and an invitation to play at WYEP's Local 913 Live event in November 2018.

Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to compete or win prizes in this competition. Prizes are non-transferable and may not be redeemed for cash value under any circumstances. If a winner declines to accept a prize, no other prize will be offered. All decisions by the judges are final and no decisions will be appealed. By submitting your registration for this competition, you are agreeing to abide by all rules and regulations.