
SINGING COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM 2017-2018

General Rules

1. This contest is open to person of all ages.
2. None of the judge's immediate family may participate.
3. Contestants under the age of 18 years old may participate only with the consent of their parent or guardian who must evidence such consent on the application form.
4. Contestants must be amateur singers, otherwise be a part-time singer in the entertainment industry.
5. Contestants must not have an existing full-length album released.
6. Entries for the contest start on **December 1, 2017 and ends on December 15, 2017**. The earlier your submission the more views you will get. To enter, contestants will need to print the application below and send it to HCNYS:

HCNYC, Inc.

4903 E Kings Canyon Rd. #221

Fresno, CA 93727

7. If you are selected as the top 10 in order to participate in the competition during the New Year a \$20 check must be made out to **HCNYC, Inc.** and mailed out with the application; there is no refund. **You are not required to send in application or money until you are selected as the top 10.** To submit: if your video is less than 25MB please email it to media.hcnyc@gmail.com If it's more than 25MB please put into Dropbox or other program and email us the link so we can download your video. Please make sure your video has good voice and video quality.
8. HCNYS, Inc. has the right at any time to require proof of identity and/or eligibility. Failure to provide such proof at a reasonable amount of time could result in disqualification from the competition. All personal details and information requested by HCNYS, INC. by each contestant must be truthful, accurate and in no way misleading. HCNYS, INC. reserves the right to disqualify any contestant from the competition or auditioning process in its sole discretion, should the contestant at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information or should the contestant be ineligible for the competition pursuant to these rules.
9. By submission of an application and entering into this contest, each contestant represents and warrants his or her compliance with these rules and regulations. No contestant will be permitted to audition unless he or she has acknowledged and agreed to these rules and regulations.
10. By entering, each contestant agrees that HCNYS, INC. and their successors and assigns have the right to use their names, likenesses, and images of all persons performing for future advertising, promotion and publicity in any manner and in any medium now known or hereafter devised in perpetuity.
11. By participating in this contest, contestants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges HCNYS, INC. is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the administration of the contest or in the announcement of the prize.

Auditions & Performance

Entry Round

Contestant must have a video cover of the song, **“Thov” by Vue Peter** email or send link to download to media.hcnyc@gmail.com. HCNyc will post the video to their Youtube channel. Top 10 contestants will be selected based on the most “likes” for their video. Video must include an intro of, “This video is for the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration’s singing competition.” Contestant must be live recorded on a backing track and not prerecorded. Top 10 contestants will be selected and announce on **Dec 15, 2017 after 5:00 P.M PST** on HCNyc website, Youtube and/or Facebook.

Video of lyrics, audio, and instrumental is on Youtube, please search for Vue Peter Thov.

First Round, Second Round, Final Round

First round for the top 10 contestants will take place at The Fresno Fairgrounds in the Industrial Building on December 30th at 11:00 AM. Dates and time are tentative to change and will be announce.

Second round for the top 10 contestants will take place at The Fresno Fairgrounds in the Industrial Building on December 31th at 11:00 AM.

Final round for the top 10 contestants will take place at The Fresno Fairgrounds in the Industrial Building on December 31th at 1:00 AM. All contestants must be prepared to know and perform Lis Toj’s song, “Maj Mam.”

Round 1: Fast song (must be in Hmong)

Round 2: Slow song (must be in Hmong)

Final round: Lis Toj- “Maj Mam” **MANDATORY, NO EXCEPTION**

12. A contestant may only perform as a solo act, and no duets or group performances will be permitted.
13. Contestants MAY NOT utilize back-up singers and/or dancers. Non-human props such as costumes and other accessories are permitted.
14. Contestants must supply their own backing tracks on both a USB and CD. Backing tracks must be free of background singers; only musical band instruments are acceptable.
15. Contestants are not permitted to leave the stage or stage area during their performance. This includes singing or performing within the audience.
16. The time limit for each contestant is 5 minutes. More than one song may be sung within the 5 minutes. No changing of CD’s will be allowed. If more than one song, they must be on the same CD and be somewhat continuous. Songs going over 5 minutes will be shut off. Judges will be instructed to not deduct points due to a song being shut off.
17. Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.
18. No changes in song choice may be made once the contestant has delivered the song files to the sound engineer. CD’s must be given to the sound engineer 2 hours prior to their audition. If not, you could forfeit your turn and possibly be disqualified. For the sake of the other contestants and keeping the flow of the contest in order, please be prompt.

19. Songs containing vulgar or explicit sexual lyrics will not be allowed. Contestants who during their performance, use any obscene, offensive, sexual or otherwise inappropriate behavior or gestures, including without limitation those referencing or depicting violence, nudity or explicit activity - or which are not in the spirit of the contest or do not meet HCNYC, INC. standards for any reason, as determined by HCNYC, INC. will be disqualified from the competition.
20. Contestants and their families are not allowed to have contact with any contest judge before or during the competition. Contact includes verbal conversations and handshakes.
21. Contestants, and/or their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the contest may result in the disqualification of that contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior includes poor sportsmanship, bad manners, and lack of decorum.
22. The order in which each contestant competes in the finals shall be determined by a random drawing. If chosen as one of the top 10 finalist, you must submit **two** new songs on a separate CD for the finals. Contestants therefore, must be prepared in case they are chosen as a finalist. Contestants may not repeat a song they have previously sung in their audition. The same rules & regulations that apply in the auditions will apply in the finals.

Judging

23. Contestants will be scored using a 50-point system:
 - * Vocal Ability (rhythm/pitch/phrasing): 1-30 points
 - * Stage Presence (movement/confidence/command): 1-10 points
 - * Appearance (costume/attire): 1-10 points
24. All decisions and interpretations regarding the contest, its rules, and the selection of the winner remain with the judges and HCNYC, INC. is final.

Prize

25. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winner.
26. A) 1st place winner will receive a \$2,500.00 music production deal.
B) 2nd place will receive \$300.
C) 3rd place will receive \$200.
27. 1st place winner will receive consultations and guidance by Tre Xiong, CEO of Yellow Diamond Records to fulfill his/her music production needs.
28. The winner will be selected, and then announced, immediately following the finals of the contest and after the scores has been calculated.

HCNYC, inc. Release and Media Consent Form

Each and every participant must read and sign this form as an application to enter the **Singing Contest** of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. (HCNYC).

I, _____ the participant, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the **Singing Contest** of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYC in Fresno, California.

I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with being on the premises where the competition is being conducted and with participating in the competition, including physical injury or even death, and hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said competition, knowing that conditions may be hazardous or may become hazardous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, which may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my participation in the competition.

I hereby forever release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue HCNYC, any of its Committee, coordinating staff, volunteers, directors, officers, employees, servants, agents, representatives, contractors, and sponsors (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in the competition, or while on or upon the premises where the competition is being conducted.

It is my express intent that this release shall forever bind the members of my family and spouse, my assignees, my heirs, my distributees, my parents, my guardians, my next of kin, and my legal representative, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge, and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

I hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur due to my participation or involvement in the competition.

I know that the **Singing Contest** is a festival activity of the Hmong New Year, which is a public event. I am aware that during my participation in the competition, any person or media or organization, including HCNYC, may be photographing or videotaping my image and/or audio recording my voice.

I hereby irrevocably grant to the releasees or any person or media or organization working with the releasees' authorization the absolute right and permission to photograph, videotape, audiotape, or otherwise record my image and/or voice during my participation in the competition to be copyrighted, used, published, or broadcasted intact or in part in any medium without restriction in conjunction with my real or fictitious name, for any purposes whatsoever, including but not limited to art, illustration, promotion, advertisement, or trade.

I also release, waive, and discharge the releasees from any and all claims arising out of or in connection with any use of the materials, caption information, and images described above, including any and all claims for libel, defamation, right of publicity, or invasion of privacy. I agree to hold harmless the releasees from and against any and all claims, demands, complaints, actions, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of, or be caused by the use of my image, or likeness, or voice on any and all media, including but not limited to television, radio, motion pictures, print medium, the Internet, or any other electronic/digital medium.

I understand and agree that no monies or other consideration in any form will become due to me, my family, heirs, agents, or assigns at any time for the recording or using of my image, likeness, or voice as a participant of the competition.

In signing this Release and Media Consent Form, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and understood it; that I sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; that no oral statements, representations, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements have been made; and that I execute this Release and Media Consent Form for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

For the participants under 18 years of age, a Parent or legal Guardian must also read and sign this form: I am a Parent or legal Guardian of a participant. I approve of my child participating in the Singing Contest of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYC. As Parent or legal Guardian, I release HCNYC, its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors from any and all liability, damages, or claims whatsoever for any injury or harm that may occur to my child while participating in HCNYC's Singing Contest. I agree that I will make no claim or demand against HCNYC, its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors if an injury or accident occurs during or travelling to and from HCNYC's Singing Contest and understand that HCNYC is not responsible for transportation. I will look to my own resources, insurance, or assets to pay all medical bills, damages, or losses whatsoever if an injury occurs. I verify that my child and I understand the significance of this Release and Media Consent Form. I hereby irrevocably consent to the unrestricted photographing, videotaping, or otherwise recording or broadcasting or publishing and other unrestricted use of my child's image, or likeness, or voice without limit, reservation, or remuneration by the releasees or any person or media or organization working with the releasees' authorization. I release all rights in the said recordings on behalf of myself and my child.

SINGING APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Consent Form

I, _____ certify that I have read the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. 2017-2018 Singing Competition General Rules and Regulations thoroughly and all related terms and conditions relating to audition, performance, judging, and prizes.

By signing this form, I hereby agree to the terms and give permission to the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. to release my/our bio(s), photo(s), and video(s) of my experiences before, during and after the competition in any future marketing and promotional manner Hmong Cultural New Year, Inc deemed fit.

It is HCNYS Policy that all contestants pay the entrance fee to enter the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____
(If under 18 years old)