

CincySings: Wild Card Rules & Guidelines



In keeping with Cincinnati's incredible choral tradition, ArtsWave presents a friendly singing competition between Cincinnati-area companies — plus one community Wild Card team.

Teams:

- There will be approximately 10 teams in the CincySings competition.
 - Nine teams of company choirs
 - One team will be a wild-card community team determined via online voting
- Choirs must comprise a minimum of 4 singers and a maximum of 20 total members.
- All contestants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Anyone who has been signed to a record label is not eligible for this competition.
- Professional singing groups and professional performers (those who are established and make money on their performances) are not allowed to participate.
- Teams may sing a capella, with a backing track or teams may provide their own amateur accompanist(s). The number of accompanists + singing members of the team should not exceed 20. No more than 2 accompanying musicians/instruments are permitted.

Wild Card Competition – How it Works:

- Gather a group of friends, co-workers, family members, your church choir, your community theatre group, or anyone interested in participating and prepare a song.
- Capture a video of your group performing (see video guidelines below).
- Email your video submission to **CincySings@TheArtsWave.org no later than 4:59pm March 23**. If your video file is too large to e-mail, please send us a download link (Dropbox, Google Drive, etc).
- Your video will be posted on the official CincySings Wild Card voting page on Cincinnati.com.
- At the end of the voting period, the team with the highest number of votes is invited to participate in CincySings on April 13.

Wild Card Rules and Guidelines:

- Limit video to 2:30 min performance. If your video is longer, it may be cut at the discretion of ArtsWave.
- Please provide video that is shot horizontally at 16:9 aspect ratio, 720p or larger, as a .mov file.
- Sending any files that contain malware will result in disqualification.
- Video submissions will be accepted until 4:59 p.m. March 23.
- Voting will be open 10 a.m. March 28 through 5 p.m. April 1.
- The winner will be announced the week of April 4.
- Each voter may cast 1 vote per day from March 28 through April 1.
- Any team found to be acquiring fraudulent votes or to be purchasing votes will be disqualified.
- Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content could result in disqualification.
- Please encourage your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to vote for your team. Feel free to share the video page via Facebook, Twitter, email, etc. Tag @ArtsWave and #CincySings!

Performance/Event:

- **CincySings will be 7 p.m. April 13 at Music Hall.** Teams entering the Wild Card Competition must be available for this event and for a dress rehearsal on the evening of April 12.
- Teams will be judged on creativity, vocal quality, stage presence and overall performance — categories are equally weighted. *Recommendation: consider these criteria for your Wild Card video.*
- Songs can be performed a cappella, with instruments, or with backing track. "Bands" are discouraged. A piano will be provided; any other instruments will need to be provided by team members.
- Tracks must be legally obtained through media such as iTunes. Teams are allowed to modify lyrics.
- All musical styles/genres are welcome! Choirs are encouraged to perform to their strengths whether that's great harmony, cool dance moves, high-energy audience interaction, or musical skill.
- The total performance time must not exceed 5 total minutes — this includes the performance, getting on & off stage, instrument set-up, etc. Points will be deducted if teams exceed this limit.
- For more information about CincySings, including competition rules, please visit: [CincySings Toolkit](#)

By submitting your video to ArtsWave, you are agreeing to participate in the CincySings contest and that you will abide by the above rules and guidelines. As a participant, you will further acknowledge that your name and photos taken at the contest may be used for media purposes and you will need to authorize the use of your name or image (by way of legal release) for the purpose of ArtsWave.

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