

Boot Grill Voice 2017

Contest:

First three nights: October 10th, 17th, 24th:

- Contestants will sing 1.5 minutes of their chosen song. This song is expected to be provided by the contestant and it should be a music track without vocals. (Could also be acapella or with a single instrument, such as acoustic guitar.)

The judges: TBD

**JUDGES: it is important you keep your notes through all 3 weeks and make personal notes about who you would like to have back for the finals. The Boot Grill will provide weekly folders and note forms for all contestants.

Judging:

- The judges will sit facing away from the stage, hearing but not seeing the contestants.
- The judges will listen to the contestants and, when they hear one they would like on their team, they will use The Gong to choose a contestant.
- **Gongs are unlimited for the judges.** Each time you hit the gong for a contestant, he or she joins that judges' team.
- If more than one judge gongs the same contestant, he or she will choose which judges' team they wish to join.

Determining who advances to the Final Round:

- Once all contestants have performed, the judges will each have several team members.
- Ultimately, each Judge will decide who is going to the final round that night.
 - o They are looking for confidence, originality, audience participation, showmanship and of course, vocal talent and skill.
- The contestants will tell the judge why he or she feels they need to be the one from the team to move on to the finals.
- Ultimately, the judge picks the person who will represent their team in the final round that night.

Prizes:

- **The single winner each night will receive:**
 - o \$100 cash from The Boot Grill.

Finals Night on 11.7.17:

WHO PARTICIPATES:

Choosing the final contestants:

- The 3 winners will return from nights 1, 2 and 3.
- The two runners up each night will also return.

- Judges will each choose a wild card from the remaining contestants. Judges, this is where you need those good notes!!
- The Boot Grill Mystery Judges will choose three more contestants.
- This brings our total to 25 contestants for the final night.

Round One, Two, Three:

- These 25 contestants will all bring one full length song to sing.
- This song is expected to be provided by the contestant and it should be a music track without vocals. (Could also be acapella or with a single instrument, such as acoustic guitar.)
- These contestants are also welcome to bring a guitar and sing without a track.
- The judges will listen to all 25 songs. They are looking for confidence, originality, audience participation, style, showmanship and of course, vocal talent and skill.
- The judges will face the stage and watch the contestants while they sing.
- No gongs.
- From these 25 contestants, the judges will deliberate and choose 3 singers to advance to the Round Two.

Round Finals:

- These 3 contestants will each sing a SECOND full length song.
- This song is expected to be provided by the contestant and it should be a music track without vocals. (Could also be acapella or with a single instrument, such as acoustic guitar.)
- When all 3 are finished, they will be introduced to the audience one by one and the audience will cheer to log decibel points!
 - o A decibel meter will be used to determine the rating from audience cheering and applause.
- Secret Boot Ballots will also be cast by mystery members of the staff/audience when the final 3 are finished singing. No one will know the identity of the Boot Ballot voters!
- The judges will also cast a vote.
- The audience decibel meter rating, Boot Ballots, and Judges Ballots will all be tallied and a winner chosen!
- He or she will win \$200 AND a day recording at Shattered Sky Recording Studio!

Contestant Rules and Requirements:

- Contestants are allowed to return on night 2 and/or 3 to re-compete IF he or she is not part of the last 3 each night, set to return for the Final Night.
 - o If the sign up spots are full for the next contest night, the contestants can sign up as an alternate in case of a no-show contestant. Alternates will be taken in order.
- Contestants are required to bring TWO songs each regular night AND for the finals, if chosen to move on.
- These songs are expected to be provided by the contestant and it should be a music track without vocals. (Could also be acapella or with a single instrument, such as acoustic guitar.)
- The contestant CD's should be clearly labeled with their name and both songs in the correct order as they are on the CD.

- Phones are allowed but must be in airplane mode so a text or a call does not interrupt your song. Your phone will be left with the sound person while performing. You can collect it when your turn is finished.

- **Judging Areas:**
 - Originality
 - Style
 - Audience response/participation
 - Vocal talent/abilities
 - Does the song chosen by the contestant fit their voice and style?

- **Additional Info:**
 - The Boot Grill Voice welcomes songs from all genres.
 - Our judges have various music backgrounds. They are well-versed and regardless of their knowledge of the songs, they are looking for you stand out with your voice and your ability to entertain and really perform to the crowd.
 - Contestants are also allowed to use guitar or perform acoustically, without a track, if they prefer.