

International Original Christmas Song Contest: RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Each entry must include: A completed entry form (or photocopy). All signatures must be original.
2. CD or Audio Cassette(s). Please include neatly printed lyric sheet (English lyrics only).
3. Check or international money order for US\$25.00 (US currency only). Or PayPal \$20 US entry fee. All entries must be postmarked by October 1st, 2005 or earlier. (PayPal users must include receipt of payment!)

Mail all entries to: **The Music Library, 427 Princess Street, Box 216, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, K7L 5S9**

2. All songs submitted must be original.
3. Contestants may enter multiple songs but each entry must be clearly marked on cassette or CD, and have separate entry forms, lyric sheets, all writer and publisher information, and entry fees. **One check for multiple entries/categories is permitted. One package for multiple entries/categories is also permitted.** Entry fee is non-refundable. The International Original Christmas Song Contest is not responsible for late, lost or damaged, misdirected, postage due, stolen or misappropriated entries.
4. This competition is open to all amateur and professional songwriters and anyone regardless of nationality or origin. Cassettes, CDs and lyrics will not be returned. Please keep a copy!
5. Winners will be chosen by a Veteran Songwriting Judging Committee comprised of music industry professionals including award winning songwriters, managers and producers. Songs are judged equally on originality, lyrics, melody and composition. Songs must be in English. Quality of performance and production will be a consideration. Prizes will be awarded jointly to all authors of any song. Division of prizes is responsibility of winners. The winners release sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won. Taxes are winners' responsibility. Entrants and their collaborators will retain full rights to all work submitted for the competition.
6. Winners will be notified by email and must sign and return a release form confirming that winner's song is original and he/she holds rights to the song. Failure to sign and return the form within 10 days will result in immediate disqualification and an alternative winner will be selected. Entry constitutes permission to use winners names, likeness, voices, and submitted music for future publicity and advertising purposes without additional compensation. Winners will be determined by mid/late October 2005.

7. Winners confirm that by submitting their song to the International Original Christmas Song Contest that their song is original and they hold all rights to the song, and can grant permission for the purposes of this contest and any exploitation that might arise therefrom. Top 12 winning songwriters must own all rights to allow the song to be used if selected as a winner, to be released as a song on the record. They must own all rights to the performance and have obtained any and all releases necessary to allow the song to be released on the record. The International Original Christmas Song Contest and its employees, agents, licensees, distributors, etc are not responsible for any legal action arising from any breach by entrant of the warranties hereunder.

8. Winners will be paid the standard mechanical royalty rate of 8.5 cents the rate in effect at the time of the 2005 contest for each copy of their song sold and not returned. Entrant is responsible for splitting the fee amongst co-writers..

9. The International Original Christmas Song Contest reserves the right to extend the deadline of the competition if needed.

10. Prizes: Overall Grand Prize winner will receive their song rerecorded and sung by Ali Ollie Woodson (formerly of the Temptations), and released on a record, ADK microphones, an electric Daisy guitar, Makemusic.com Songwriter Software and a One Year Membership to SongQuarters tip sheet. All 12 Top Songs will be released and promoted internationally on a record (which can be sold in any and all configurations worldwide in perpetuity), receive standard pro-rata royalty rate for each copy sold, receive certificates of achievement and the Clarke tin whistle and instruction book, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Prize winners also receive Songwriting books courtesy of Backbeat Books, 20 Honorable Mention winners will each receive a certificate of achievement and promotion on website. All contestants receive a 3 month membership to Hitquarters.com and 3 song artist page. PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT CLEARLY & NEATLY.

11. Due to the hectic and demanding schedules of performers, if our grand prize winning performer has to delay his recording date for any reason, grand prize winning songwriter will be contacted and offered another talented, noteworthy performer, and entrant acknowledges this possibility. Due to the time consideration of releasing a Christmas record, we cannot delay the record release. This circumstance will be avoided at all costs obviously since we too have our heart set on Ollie.