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Who wants to be the UH Cougar Idol!?!

The University of Houston's Student Program Board (SPB) and the University Center (UC) and Associated Facilities are proud to bring to the University of Houston, Cougar Idol Retro as part of the UC's four day 40th Anniversary Celebration. This vocal and talent competition will spotlight the greatest talents of the UH student body on campus.

Cougar Idol Retro is based on the popular reality T.V. show, "American Idol" that showcases the most talented singers in the United States competing to become "the next American Idol." Preliminary competitions will take place Monday and Tuesday, February 12th & 13th in the UC Arbor, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., judged by a panel of UH faculty, staff, and students. The final competition will take place in the UC Houston Room on Thursday, February 15th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Preliminary competition will be limited to fifty (50) competitors each day, performing one (1) minute of a song a-cappella. The top five performers from each preliminary day will advance to the Finals on Thursday. (Those competitors who did not make the finals on Monday may try out again on Tuesday if time slots are still available). During the Finals, the top 10 performers from preliminaries will compete by singing a full song with audio accompaniment. A performance as the opening act at the Thursday, March 29th Frontier Fiesta concert sponsored by SPB and a \$200 travel voucher from STA travel will be given to the Grand Prize Winner! The second place winner will receive a \$100 travel voucher from STA travel, and \$50 to be applied to their Cougar 1Card, courtesy of the Cougar 1Card Office, while the audience choice winner will receive \$50 to be applied to their Cougar 1Card, courtesy of the Cougar 1Card Office. Unlike the popular T.V. show, our judges will not voice comments – all scores will be kept confidential.

Entry forms for the contest are available in the SPB office and various locations throughout the UC. Students may also sign up Monday, February 12th and Tuesday, February 13th, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the UC Arbor if time slots are still available.

For more information about Cougar Idol Retro call 713/ 743-5210 or visit www.uh.edu/ucaf.

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February 12th & 13th – February 15th, 2007 Official Entry Form

(Turn in to UC Underground Room 93. For more info. Call: 713/ 743-5210)

You must be a University of Houston student to participate!

Please Print Clearly

Last Name

First Name, MI

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

E-mail

Student ID #

Check here if you would like to be placed on the UC listserv

Day you wish to perform:

Mon. Feb. 12th

Tues. Feb. 13th

Major: _____

Class Year: _____

Something interesting about yourself: _____

Note: 1. Only UH students may perform; **Check-in for prelims between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in UC Arbor**

2. Opportunity to participate will be on a first-come, first serve basis

3. Limit 50 participants each day of preliminary competition

4. Top 5 performers from each day will advance to Finals (Thursday, February 15th)

5. Preliminary performance limited to 1 minute. Final performance limited to 6 minutes.

I have read and understand all Cougar Idol rules (on back) and understand that the decision of the judges is final.

Signature

Date

Cougar Idol Retro Contest Rules

Following are the rules for Cougar Idol Preliminary and Final Rounds. Remember, in order to enter and win, you **MUST** be a **University of Houston student** and you **MUST** bring your student ID to check in.

All participants must complete an "Official Entry Form" and submit it to the SPB Office, UC Underground Room 93 prior to the day of the event or at sign-ups for preliminary (Monday, February 12 or Tuesday, February 13, 2007) at the table in the UC Arbor, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Space is limited to 50 participants each day – first-come, first-serve! Entry forms are available at the SPB Office and various locations throughout the UC as well as via the web: www.uh.edu/ucaf.

All contestants must be UH Main Campus enrolled students at the time of the event. A minimum of 3 hours is required.

Decision of the Cougar Idol judges is FINAL!

General Performance Rules:

- The performance will not contain any blatant profanities, obscenities, or vulgarities.
- The performance will not contain any reference to anything offensive or vulgar. (This includes attire.) Please remember you will be standing on a stage with audience seats directly in front.
- The Cougar Idol staff reserves the right to reject any performances they feel are inappropriate.
- All performances may be subject to videotape and/ or pictures for use in future print and web marketing communication pieces.
- Failure to adhere to written guidelines will result in automatic disqualification and could be subject to disciplinary action as stated in the UH Student Handbook.

Preliminary Rounds:

- 1) Preliminary rounds will be held on Monday, February 12th and Tuesday, February 13th in the UC Arbor from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **If you are not selected on the first day, you may compete again the following day if there is participant space available.**
- 2) You may sign up prior to the event in the SPB Office (UC Underground Room 93), or on the day of the event, as long as participant space is available. A maximum of 50 participants will be allowed to sing each day. First-come, First-serve!
- 3) Contestants must sing a cappella, without instrumental accompaniment, for 1 minute. A microphone will be provided.
- 4) Contestants may select the song of their choice. Any genre of music is allowed, but it must be in good taste or you may be disqualified.
- 5) There will be 5 judges including students, staff, or faculty. Judging will be graded on merits of vocal ability, presentation and crowd appeal.
- 6) Only the top 5 participants from each day will move to the final round. In case of a tie, all top five scores will advance to the Finals.

Final Rounds:

- 1) The final round will be held in the UC Houston Room on Thursday, February 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Check-in for finals will begin at 5:00 p.m. Finalists should arrive at the UC Houston Room no later than 6:00p.m. Those who arrive later may be disqualified.
- 2) Finalists are allowed to sing an entire song along with a CD or tape accompaniment (no lead vocals allowed) for approximately five minutes. Accompaniment music should be turned in at check-in, cued and ready to go (an alternate song should be provided to use in case of tie).
- 3) Judging will be graded on merits of vocal quality, clarity of words, voice control, presentation, originality of performance and crowd appeal. Crowd appeal will account for a percentage of your overall rating.
- 4) There will be one grand-prize winner, one 2nd place and one audience choice to be selected at the end of the program.

Best of Luck!