



Making The Stage Competition! – Overview

OFFICIAL RULES – 2019/2020

For groups, ensembles and soloists up to twelve (12) members or less.

YOU COULD BE THE OPENING ACT AT THE NEXT GOSPEL SUPERFEST TV TAPING!

The Producers of The Gospel Superfest are looking for the next big break-out gospel artist success story! Could that be YOU?

The Making The Stage Opening Act Competition! “You could win a chance to appear on one of gospel music’s biggest stages and ultimately be seen by millions of TV viewers! Just think you just may be the opening performer at The African Pride Gospel Superfest 19 live in Dayton, OH!

“Making The Stage” is a completion for gospel and inspirational artists! The grand –prizewinning group will appear on the next international TV taping of The Gospel Superfest June 22, 2019 in Dayton, OH at the prestigious Schuster Performing Arts Center. This could be the big break you have been waiting for! One first place finalist and one wild card recipient (we will explain later in the rules the definition of the Producer’s Wild Card”) will appear at the live national TV recording.

Here’s how you can register to participate

Beginning **Thursday April 9, , 2019** simply go to www.gospelsuperfest.com, Fill-out the “On-line Registration Form located on the right side of the homepage. Complete and **Click Submit!** You will be prompted to agree to the rules and regulations... You will also receive a confirmation reply from Unity Media Limited (the show’s producers) that your submission has been received. With your application you will be prompted to upload audio, and/or a U-Tube link for your entry. You must also include a bio of your group. If you have any difficulty, please fill the form out to the best of your ability and click send anyway. The producers will respond with additional instructions by email. Remember only a maximum of twenty (20) artists can audition in Dayton for the 2019 opportunity. So please make sure you complete the online registration form in its entirety. **REGISTRATION CLOSSES TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 @ 12:00 NOON.**

What happens if I am accepted?

If, accepted, a non-refundable audition fee of \$75.00 is required for all auditioning acts groups. Your audition fee is tax deductible. All proceeds from the competition will benefit the Cartwright Family Foundation's Scholarship Fund. **HOWEVER PLEASE NOTE!!! THERE IS NO FEE TO APPLY...** The fee only applies if your group /act is accepted. Participants will be auditioned based the producer's scheduling. There will be no changes in the local scheduling. Please also note that each artist is solely responsible for getting to the audition site: and to the national TV recording if deemed the winner. Any food and /or lodging requirements pertaining to the performing act shall be the responsibility of the performing act.

Additional Information

There is **No Fee** to enter the contest! Contestants should only enter one time. All submissions will be reviewed by the Gospel Superfest production team, and all applicants will receive an electronic response from the producers indicating the results of their application. Please allow up to twenty-one (21) days from the time you submit to receive a notification if your group has been accepted. The producers reserve the right to adjust, edit or revise the contest application process and contest rules at the direction of its sponsors and/or legal team at any time during the contest if any portion of the application process, voting process or final selection of the grand prizewinner is deemed necessary by the title, presenting, media sponsors or legal representative of The Cartwright Foundation or Unity Media Limited.

The Audition Process (for the finalists)

Contestants will be given up to **five (5) minutes** to perform. Each contestant must have musical instrument accompaniment or performance tracks. Acoustic guitar or single piano or single instrument of any kind with or without vocal is also acceptable. After the auditions have been concluded the contestants can stay for the **RESULTS**. The winner will be announced immediately after all auditions have been completed and votes tabulated.

PRODUCER'S WILD CARD

The producers reserve the right to choose any participating artist as a "Wild Card" artist. If chosen, Gospel Superfest may contact the performer prior to the international TV taping and request that the Wild Card receiving artist also perform at Gospel Superfest 2019. The wild card selection is at the sole discretion of the Executive Production Team of Gospel Superfest TV.

Disclaimer

Gospel Superfest TV is a production of Unity Media Limited of Ohio, which is producing the competition on behalf of The Cartwright Family Foundation ((501c3) which Unity Media solely responsible for the contest, the contest rules and procedures. Contestants and applicants must (upon applying) indemnify and hold harmless The Title Sponsors, African Pride, The Cartwright Family Foundation any participating local or regional sponsor including the sponsors' successors and assigns, which are: but not limited to; African Pride, Kettering Health Network, Ohio's Hospice, Comp Tech Corporation, Gem City Nursing & Rehab, Alpha Media and/or any participating local or regional sponsor or media partner to be announced.

Video/Audio Performance Release

All regional contestants must bring a copy of their on-line registration form, acceptance letter, proof of performance fee payment and the contest rules with them to the audition. A **signed** video release (from all participating members) will be required prior to auditioning. Unity Media Limited of Ohio reserves the irrevocable right to use all or portions of the audition performances in any media including but not limited to broadcast television, cable television, video DVD release, radio, Internet, print including the photographic likeness and name(s) collectively or individually of the performers in any way deemed necessary for the promotion of The Gospel Superfest TV programs in any broadcast or advertising medium to be developed in the future. The Territory shall be The World. Notwithstanding to the foregoing, such usage shall survive any applicable copyright laws, renewals-extensions-licenses applicable to the compositions performed during the audition. The Artists does not forfeit or release its rights as an underlying copyright holder/owner for original compositions performed at the auditions.

Disclaimer /Rights

The Gospel Superfest “Making the Stage” competition is void where prohibited. Unity Media Limited of Ohio may or may not record the auditions without limitations. All audition contents, including the performances of the contestants shall become the intellectual property of Unity Media Limited of Ohio without claim, restrictions or limitations. This in respect to the video images, audio files and performances... Please see the preceding paragraph for additional explanations pertaining to original compositions and copyrights.

Judging The Competition

Local celebrities, radio personalities and gospel music professionals will be chosen at the discretion of the producers. Each judge will have one scorecard each. (see sample score card below) The winner will be the contestant with the highest score based on all judge' scorecards. The top three-contestants will be announced at the competition. The Wildcard is an option. And the option to exercise the right of the producer to use the Wild Card is at the sole discretion of the Producer.

Preparation!

So now, polish up your act, pray and get ready to meet the producers of The African Pride Gospel Superfest, Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Bethesda Temple Church located at 3701 Salem Avenue, Dayton, OH 45406. For more info, please visit www.gospelsuperfest.com. You may also leave any questions pertaining to the competition at the show's hotline at (800) 219-0337. Best wishes and we will see you at the auditions. Spectators are welcome... All seats for spectators are free so please feel free to bring your fan base and well wishers.... Hoping to see you soon!

Audition Location

DAYTON, OH

(THURSDAY, JUNE 20th, 2019)

The Bethesda Temple Apostolic Church

3701 Salem Avenue

Dayton, OH 45406

Gospel Superfest Info Line: (800) 219-0337

**The Winner will be announced immediately
after the auditions and the votes have been tabulated.**

Below is the judges score card that will be used for the Making The Stage Competition. Please pay close attention to the categories and govern yourselves accordingly.

~~SAMPLE JUDGES' SCORE CARD - 2019~~

CONTESTANT NAME: _____ # _____

Audition City: **DAYTON, OHIO - BETHESDA TEMPLE CHURCH**

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Maximum Points per Section</u>	<u>Total Points Per Section</u>
	(Possible) (Actual)	List total points below.
1. Appearance	(10 points) _____	Track Performers get maximum of 5 points in Musicianship Category.
2. Originality	(10 points) _____	
3. Ministerial Relevance	(10 points) _____	
4. Commercial Relevance	(10 points) _____	
5. Musicianship	(10 points) _____	
6. Vocal Ability	(10 points) _____	
7. Group Continuity	(10 points) _____	
8. National TV Readiness	(10 points) _____	
PERFECT SCORE 80!		Contestant's Grand Total: _____

Additional Notes: (Please use rear of sheet for notes /recommendations to artists if more room is needed)
