



NCYC'S top Talent

Contest Overview

Heart Beat Records, in partnership with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), is sponsoring *NCYC'S top Talent*, a contest to find the most talented young Catholic solo singers and musicians. The contest is open to high school students planning to attend the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November. If you are planning to attend the 2011 NCYC, this is your chance to shine.

From May 1 to October 24, Heart Beat Records will accept and review demo recordings either on CD or via online posting. They will select semifinalists to audition in person in Indianapolis on Friday, November 18, during NCYC. (NOTE: Semifinalists and finalists must be registered NCYC attendees to participate.) The top ten semifinalists will then perform on Saturday, November 19, in front of a live audience of peers and a panel of expert judges. The judges will select the winner who will record a CD with Heart Beat Records.

Contestants must be high school students planning to attend/registered for the 2011 NCYC in Indianapolis. Only solo singers and musicians are eligible (we cannot accept bands or choirs at this time). To enter, submit completed contest registration and permission forms, a demo CD or web link to the demo, and a short biography, including any previous music experience, by October 24, 2011, though sooner is preferred. Demo content must be suitable for NCYC and may not contain inappropriate language or messages. **Only one entry per person. Submissions will not be returned. Those under the age of 18 must also include the parental/ guardian consent form in order to compete.**

About the judges:

Tony Melendez

Successful toe-pickin' guitar player and vocalist. In 1987 he played for Pope John Paul II in Los Angeles and the Pope responded to Tony's playing with a kiss. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, and has made countless television appearances. He campaigns actively for the pro-life cause, gives motivational talks, and was keynote speaker for the 2007 NCYC. He has performed in 40 countries, made seven albums, and published one book.

Joia Farmer

Catholic singer/songwriter and presenter who wrote the 2009 NCYC theme song, "Christ Reigns." She has shared the stage with Jesse Manibusan, Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher, and other guys with guitars. She is Program Director for a crisis pregnancy center, and a strong advocate for pro-life and pro-woman causes. She has released three albums, but is most proud to be mother to four children and married to Brad of APeX ministries.

Sal Solo

With Brit band Classix Nouveaux, he toured the world, achieving #1 hits, earning gold and silver discs. He also sang with Rockets in Italy, who sold 1.5 million albums. He relocated to the USA in 1999, doing large youth events around the country, including NCYC. He has produced various other artists, written one book, performed in 37 countries, and released a total of 20 albums, both with his bands, and under his own name.



Contest Registration Form

(Write clearly, printing in block letters)

The following materials must be mailed no later Monday, October 24, 2011, to

NCYC's Top Talent
PO Box 1128
Bolingbrook IL 60440

Please be sure the following is enclosed:

- Completed Contest Registration Form (this sheet)
- Short biography of no more than one sheet
- Parental/Guardian Permission Form (required for contestants under the age of 18)
- Demo recording
Recording available on the web by visiting _____
(Insert web link)

Contestant Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Facebook: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Instrument: Voice Guitar Keyboard Other _____

I am registered with my parish/school/diocese to attend NCYC.

I plan to register with my parish/school/diocese to attend NCYC.

Diocese: _____ Parish/School: _____

Parish/School Mailing Address: _____

Name of Parish/School Leader: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



Parental/Guardian Permission Form

THE FOLLOWING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY YOUTH (UNDER 18) PARTICIPATING

I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to participate in **NCYC'S top TALENT** sponsored by **Heart Beat Records**. I hereby release and indemnify **Heart Beat Records, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry**, and their respective officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in the competition. I understand that if my child violates any laws regarding possession of alcohol or drugs or pornography, or rules governing the event, or if they use inappropriate language or behavior, they may be immediately disqualified.

I GRANT PERMISSION for my child to perform and for his/her image and recording to be used in products and publicity related to the competition. **I GRANT Heart Beat Records** first right of refusal of any recording and publishing rights resulting from this competition.

I FURTHER GRANT PERMISSION for the organizers, producers, and/ or judges of **NCYC'S top TALENT** to communicate with my child as necessary to facilitate his/her participation in the competition.

I UNDERSTAND THAT the decision of the judges, organizers, producers is final and I will not challenge their decision or the results.

I fully understand the consequences of and sign this Parental/Guardian Permission Form knowingly, freely, and willingly.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____