

2026

Mike Linnig's KARAOKE CONTEST

New This Season:

Register online for qualifying rounds until 5pmET the day before event!



Complete eligibility and contest rules at:

www.MikeLinnigsRestaurant.com

(Must be 18+ to compete, ID required)

All Questions:

Karaoke@MikeLinnigsRestaurant.com



**REGISTER
ONLINE!**

CONTEST ROUND

CONTEST DATES

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

QUALIFYING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

ONLINE REG ENDS: Tuesday, September 1, 5pmET

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ONLINE REG ENDS: Tuesday, September 29, 5pmET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

ONLINE REG ENDS: Tuesday, October 13, 5pmET

SEMI-FINAL

CHECK-IN: 6pm

CONTEST START: 6:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

FINAL

CHECK-IN: 2pm

CONTEST START: 3pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT - 9308 CANE RUN ROAD - LOUISVILLE

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BENEFITING THE CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CONTEST CAN BE DIRECTED TO: KARAOKE@MIKELINNIGSRESTAURANT.COM

LOCATION: MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT / 9308 CANE RUN ROAD / LOUISVILLE, KY 40258

ELIGIBILITY:

- PARTICIPANT MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD AT TIME OF PERFORMANCE.
- AGE VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO COMPETE - PLEASE BRING A VALID (NOT EXPIRED) UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE ID (ACCEPTABLE: DRIVER'S LICENSE, STATE-ISSUED ID, US PASSPORT, MILITARY ID, PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD).
- ANYONE FOUND COMPETING AND NOT 18 YEARS OF AGE IS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.
- NO CURRENT EMPLOYEE OF MIKE LINNIG'S IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.
- PREVIOUS FIRST-PLACE WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ENTER OR COMPETE IN ANY MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE YEARS FOLLOWING THEIR FIRST-PLACE WIN.

GENERAL RULES:

- ONLY PARTICIPANT IS ALLOWED ON STAGE FOR SOLO PERFORMANCE; NO DUETS; NO BACK-UP DANCERS.
- ANY PROPS MUST BE MANAGEABLE BY THE PARTICIPANT DURING THE SET-UP TRANSITION TIME WHEN CALLED TO STAGE.
- NO SPECIAL EFFECTS (SMOKE, CONFETTI, ETC), INSTRUMENTS PLAYED, EQUIPMENT, ETC. ALLOWED.
- NO LIVE ANIMALS, WEAPONS OR FIRE OF ANY KIND.
- SEMI-FINAL COMPETITIONS ARE ALIGNED WITH PRECEDING QUALIFIERS.
- PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PUT INTO A RANDOM DRAW TO DETERMINE PERFORMANCE ORDER (SEMI-FINALS & FINAL ROUNDS ONLY).

REGISTRATION:

- THERE WILL BE A \$25 ENTRY FEE/PARTICIPANT FOR EACH QUALIFYING ROUND (IF YOU PERFORM IN MULTIPLE QUALIFIERS, A FEE APPLIES EACH TIME).
- **NEW!** ADVANCED ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH WEBSITE: WWW.MIKELINNIGSRESTAURANT.COM.
- THREE QUALIFYING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE CONTEST. REGISTRATION IS ONLY OPEN FOR THE NEXT UPCOMING QUALIFIER AND CLOSSES AT 5:00 PM ET THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT. REGISTRATION FOR SUBSEQUENT QUALIFIERS WILL OPEN ONLY AFTER THE CURRENT QUALIFIER COMPETITION ENDS.
- CONTESTANTS WHO REGISTER ONLINE ARE GUARANTEED A SPOT, PROVIDED THEY CHECK IN BY THE REQUIRED TIME.
- ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
- REGISTRATIONS ARE VALID ONLY FOR THE QUALIFIER DATE SELECTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.
- NO ALTERNATE DATES, TRANSFERS, RESCHEDULING, OR RAIN CHECKS WILL BE OFFERED FOR ANY REASON.
- REGISTRATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AND MAY NOT BE ASSIGNED, SOLD, OR SUBSTITUTED TO ANOTHER PERSON.
- CONTESTANTS WHO FAIL TO CHECK-IN DURING THE ALLOTTED TIME FOR THEIR REGISTERED QUALIFIER WILL FORFEIT THEIR REGISTRATION FEE AND CONTEST ENTRY.
- WALK-IN REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH QUALIFIER ASSUMING THERE ARE AVAILABLE SPOTS TO FILL.

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(CONTEST RULES CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

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AWARDS:

MONETARY AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE WINNERS (AMOUNTS NOTED BELOW) AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 5. TAXES INCURRED ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT.

- 1ST PLACE: \$1,500
- 2ND PLACE: \$1,000
- 3RD PLACE: \$500

MUSIC:

- SONG CHOICE MUST BE FROM THE KARAFUN KARAOKE LIBRARY (SONGS CAN BE PREVIEWED AND PRACTICED BY ACCESSING KARAFUN.COM OR DOWNLOADING THE KARAFUN APP).
- NO SONG CHANGE WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE ONSITE CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.
- NO OUTSIDE MUSIC ON A CD, FLASHDRIVE, ETC. WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE PREPARED WITH SONG CHOICE AND NEEDED KEY ADJUSTMENTS PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT REGISTRATION (THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE SOUND CHECK).
- ALL SONGS MUST BE FAMILY FRIENDLY (NO PROFANITY, NO EXPLICIT LYRICS, NO HATE SPEECH).
- MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT AND THE KARAOKE TEAM HOLD THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHICH SONGS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY AND MAY DECLINE ANY SONG.

JUDGING:

- PARTICIPANTS WILL BE JUDGED ON: SHOWMANSHIP (25%), AUDIENCE APPEAL (25%), TALENT (25%), QUALITY (25%).
- ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL; JUDGES SCORES, PLACEMENT AND COMMENTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED AT ANY TIME (OTHER THAN THE AWARDS GIVEN ON STAGE).
- PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT ASK JUDGES OR KARAOKE TEAM ABOUT ANY SCORES OR PLACEMENT, DOING SO COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN A RELATIVE BE A JUDGE FOR THE CONTEST YOU ARE IN. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT TO NOTIFY KARAOKE STAFF IF THEY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH A JUDGE FOR THE CONTEST ON THAT DAY. FAILURE TO NOTIFY A KARAOKE STAFF OF THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

ALL PERFORMERS MUST AGREE TO THE BELOW:

I AGREE THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, FILMS, VIDEO AND ANY OTHER PUBLICITY MATERIALS, RESULTING FROM MY ASSOCIATION WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST, WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT, INC. TO BE USED IN THE FUTURE AS THE COMPANY SEES FIT WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO ME. I HOLD HARMLESS, MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT, INC., THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS ARISING OR RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST. I AGREE TO ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMERGENCY OR FIRST AID TREATMENT) WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. WITHOUT LIMITATIONS. MIKE LINNIG'S RESTAURANT, INC. AND, THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES TO PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND/OR INSTRUMENTS, COSTUMES, BODILY INJURY, SICKNESS, MENTAL ANGUISH, OR DEATH FROM ANY CAUSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIKE LINNIG'S KARAOKE CONTEST. MIKE LINNIG'S HOLDS THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY PARTICIPANT FOR ANY REASON – OR END A PERFORMANCE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON. MIKE LINNIG'S RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.