

# Peoples Gas Holiday Market™ Karaoke Contest

Thank you for your interest in competing in the 2018 Peoples Gas Holiday Market™ Karaoke Contest! Please read the rules below carefully.

Contestants may only pre-register for one slot per preliminary round.

The contest will consist of eight total preliminary rounds (each lasting approximately two hours) to be held every Monday and Tuesday (November 19 to December 11) from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Market Square, Downtown Pittsburgh. One finalist from each preliminary round will be invited to compete for a \$1,000 Grand Prize on December 17. In preliminary rounds, there will be 24 slots available for online pre-registration and any open slots will be available via walk-up only.

Nightly prizes will be awarded to all contestants during the preliminary rounds and one finalist per night will qualify to compete in the final round. In the event of a two-way tie during a preliminary round, both contestants will move forward to the final round. Should there be a three-way or greater tie, the judges will determine which two contestants will be invited to continue to the finals. Rules for the final round will be distributed at a later date.

Contest rules:

- Contestants may enter a maximum of once per preliminary round.
- You must be at least 18 years old to formally compete, or 12-17 years old with parent/guardian permission. Parent or guardian **must** be present at time of competition to sign a release waiver for any contestant under the age of 18.
- You must arrive 30 minutes prior to your assigned round or your slot may be offered to another available contestant. Regardless of circumstance, please be advised that should you lose your assigned slot, you will not receive any preference for a walk-up slot.
- Judge rulings are final; judges will vary throughout preliminary rounds.
- This is an amateur competition; you are considered amateur if you are not under a national recording contract.
- Duets are permitted and will be judged on the same criteria. There is no separate category for duets. Any prizes will be split between members of duet.
- By entering the contest, you consent to having your photo taken and to have your performance videotaped, shared online or via social media. The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership reserves the right to use all names, photos, video, music and information acquired during the contest in any promotional materials.
- In the event of a tie during a preliminary round, both contestants will move forward to the final round. Rules for the final round will be distributed at a later date.
- Contestants must at all times use family-friendly language on stage, and may not engage in any confrontational, unsportsmanlike, or inappropriate behavior or communications with Market staff, judges, audience members, or other contestants. Any violations of this policy, as determined solely by an official representative of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, will result in immediate, permanent disqualification of a contestant or potential contestant, which is irreversible and non-negotiable.
- Failure to comply with all rules and regulations may result in disqualification.