

MATAMATA COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS



18th MAY 2024

SONGWRITER ENTRIES CLOSE 26 April 2024

ALL OTHER ENTRIES CLOSE 04 May 2024

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNLESS CLOSING DATE EXTENDED.

Post to:

Matamata Country Music Awards
17 Howell Road Taneatua 3123

Or Email to:

awards@matamatacmc.co.nz

**OVERALL WINNERS
GO THROUGH TO ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR 2024**

CONVENOR: Antoinette Spencer 07 312 9633 or 027 210 2632

EMAIL: awards@matamatacmc.co.nz

VENUE: - Matamata Civic Centre Tainui Street.
Registrations - Friday 17th May - 6 - 7.30 pm - All chord charts required on registration. **NO SATURDAY MORNING REGISTRATION**
Auditions start - T.B.C. - will email times out.
Admission fee - Adults \$8.00 U/15 \$3.00

Finalist rehearsals - After final audition of the day **ONLY** if time allows
Finals - 7.00pm
Admission fee - Adults \$15.00 U/15 \$5.00

Non finalist Junior & Intermediate contestants with proof of entry may enter evening final for \$5.00

Non finalist Senior & Veteran contestants with proof of entry may enter evening final for \$10.00

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Rules of Entry for Matamata Country Music Awards

New Zealand Country Music Association Inc.

Please read carefully

Rules for Original Songwriters Section

1. Open to all age groups
2. Song or tune to be recorded MP3 format. Lyrics and chord notations on separate sheets of paper. Please do not put your name on sheets.
3. Recording of Song must be accompanied by one acoustic instrument only.
4. Joint entries are acceptable, providing entrants comply with Award rules
5. Only songs/ tunes that have not been recorded for sale commercially are eligible for entry
6. Entrants must be amateur as defined by the N.Z.C.M.A Inc. rules of entry in the N.Z.C.M.A.INC. Inc Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award.
7. Song or tune must not have won an NZCMA Affiliated Award in the past.

House rules for Original Songwriters Section

1. All songs are pre- judged and judge's decision is FINAL
2. Winning song will be retained by Matamata Country Music Awards Committee and forwarded to the Entertainer of the Year Committee on behalf of the winner

Rules for all other Categories

1. All material performed in these Awards must be of **COUNTRY ORIGIN**
2. All contestants must be a current financial member of a club that has been affiliated to New Zealand Country Music Association (NZCMA) at least three (3) months prior to these awards.
3. Current Overall winners of Awards eligible for the NZCMA Country Music Entertainer of the Year Awards, are eligible to enter Awards but cannot represent any other Award in that same category. (Categories are defined as Solo, Duo, or Group.) in which they have already qualified.
4. SECTION AGES:
JUNIOR NOVICE: 5yrs and under eight (8) Must **NEVER** have entered an Award before
JUNIOR: Under THIRTEEN (13) years as at the FIRST (1) day of August of the current circuit year.
INTERMEDIATE: THIRTEEN (13) years but under the age of EIGHTEEN (18) years as at the FIRST (1) day of August of the current circuit year
SENIOR: EIGHTEEN (18) years or over as at the FIRST (1) day of August of the current circuit year.
VETERAN: FIFTY FIVE (55) yrs. or over as at the FIRST (1) day of August, of the current circuit year
5. Contestants must be amateur as defined and not contracted to a recording company, or receive a major part of their income in the last FIVE (5) years from these activities. (Amateur is defined as not deriving a major portion of income from performing music)
6. Where stage names are used full names must be advised on the entry form. Once accepted, no substitutes are permitted, but members of a group may be less than originally advised but no less than THREE (3) No harmony backing except as part of DUO/GROUP entry, or other enhancements allowed.

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7. Instrumentalists using electronic instruments e.g. keyboards, must not utilise memory banks for pre-programmed automated playing.
8. Competitors are restricted to their respective age groups.
9. Contestants eligible for the N.Z.C.M.A.INC. Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award must abide by the Rules of Entry to the N.Z.C.M.A.INC. Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award as defined by the N.Z.C.M.A.INC.
10. Any violation of the above rules may result in disqualification. In the event of a dispute or interpretation of the rules, the Convenors decision will be binding on all parties.

NB. Contestants are to provide stamped self-addressed envelope if requiring times prior to registration or supply a current email address on entry form. Audition times will be drawn by ballot.

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1. The entry form must be signed and verified by the President or Secretary of the represented clubs after it is filled in Entry fees must accompany entries or be paid into Awards Bank Account. Incomplete entries not accepted.
2. Backing bands will be available for auditions except in Western - see criteria. No other accompanist allowed unless contestant plays own instrument.
3. Contestants are required to provide FOUR (4) copies of fully chorded song sheets, named and attached to a firm backing with non-reflective surface
4. Contestants to perform one item completely in the auditions. Finalists must perform a different song to that performed in the auditions.
5. Contestants need to report 30 minutes prior to their audition time. Please be prepared to go on earlier if ahead of time due to cancellations etc. if not available when called will be disqualified.
6. Judging will be on Musical Ability, Presentation, and Entertainment Value. Tie-breakers will be on a count back of Entertainment Value.
7. Finalists must attend rehearsals if required to and may only be accompanied by one representative where applicable.
8. The Awards Committee has the right to limit the number of entries, they may add to, combine or delete from the programme where necessary and beneficial to the majority. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ENTRY DATE IS EXTENDED.**
9. The Convenor must be consulted prior to any recalls being performed.
10. The organisers reserve the right to record and broadcast any or all of the Auditions/Finals subject to copyright conditions where applicable
11. Contestants or their parent/guardian will give a signed undertaking to return any or all trophies in good condition by the date required. All engraving is the responsibility of the trophy holder.
12. Contestant's equipment is used and stored at his /her own risk. The Awards Committee will not be responsible for the loss, damage or theft of personal effects and /or property.
13. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any function. No alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted in the venues or backstage.
14. Contestants must not contact judges or scrutineers with the intent to influence decisions or allocations of points.
15. U-18 and Over 18 categories will be eligible for Overall in their respective sections.
16. **VETERANS** - Contestants may also enter as a Duo or group provided all performers are Veteran.
17. **Combined Duo/Group** - A competitor may enter as part of a duo once and as part of a group once, but must be in their age category.

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SECTION ENTRY FEE
Novice \$5.00



The sections BELOW all qualify for the Entertainer of the Year

SONGWRITER SECTION \$15.00

JUNIOR

Junior Solo \$5.00
Gospel \$5.00

INTERMEDIATE

Intermediate Solo \$10.00
Gospel \$10.00

UNDER 18

Country Rock \$10.00
Western \$10.00
Duo / Group (Vocal) See Below
Must be in their correct age group \$10.00
New Country Released from 2018 \$10.00

OVER 18

Western \$15.00
New Country \$15.00
Released from 2018

SENIORS

Solo \$15.00
Gospel \$15.00
Duo/Group (Vocal) \$15.00
Country Rock **(See Criteria)** \$15.00

VETERANS - See house rule 16

Solo \$15.00
Gospel \$15.00
Duo/Group (Vocal) \$15.00
Country Rock (See Criteria) \$15.00

Bank Account Number if wishing to pay by Direct Credit is: **03-0363-0323888-001**

Please put surname in reference.

OFFICIAL SONGWRITER ENTRY FORM:



Name:.....

Address:.....Postal Code:.....

Phone Number:..... Entry Fee:.....

Email Address:

Name of Club:.....

President / Secretary / Treasurer:..... (No photocopied signatures Accepted)

I agree to abide by the rules of the Awards.

Signed:.....

(Contestant / or Parent / or Guardian)

Name of Song (s)

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<u>SECTION</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>INTERM</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>VETERAN</u>	<u>UNDER 18</u>	<u>OVER 18</u>
Novice						
Solo						
Gospel						
Country Rock						
Western						
Duo / Group						
New Country (After 2018)						
Songwriter						

SONGS FOR AUDITONS AND FINALS - Once submitted no changes allowed:

<u>SECTION:</u>	<u>AUDITION SONG AND WRITER</u>	<u>FINALS SONG AND WRITER</u>
Solo		
Gospel		
Country Rock		
Western		
Duo / Group		
New Country (After 2018)		

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OFFICAL SECTION ENTRY FORM:



Name:.....

Address:..... Postal Code:.....

Phone Number:..... Entry Fee:.....

Email Address:

Name of Club:.....

President / Secretary / Treasurer:..... (No photocopied signatures Accepted)

Duo / Group Members and Stage Name:..... (If a Member of Duo / Group belongs to a different club this must be verified also.)

I agree to abide by the rules of the Awards.

Signed:.....

(Contestant / or Parent / or Guardian)



PLEASE NOTE

THERE IS TO BE NO FOOD OR DRINK INSIDE VENUE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALL SONGS WILL BE VETTED AND ENTRANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IF SONG IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARDS.

N.B Please read criteria for sections:

Gospel:

Must have Christian influence. Contemporary Gospel accepted, **NO HYMNS ACCEPTED.**

Western:

Must be of the West, cowboys, cattle, the prairie, rodeo. This section is either self accompanied on an ACOUSTIC GUITAR ONLY, or with AWARDS BAND ACOUSTIC GUITARIST.

Country Rock:

Songs maybe of ANY age, but **MUST** have a definite rock feel, not just a song sang at a rock tempo.

ACCOMMODATION:

Tower Road Motel
towerroadmotel.co.nz
07 888 6112

Contact Motels direct as maybe can do a better deal.

Maple Lodge Motel
maple-lodge-motel.northislandnz.net
07 888 8764



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL
AND
ENJOY YOUR TIME IN MATAMATA**



**There will be NO livestreaming at the Awards, FAMILY ONLY OR A
NOMINATED PERSON to Video PLEASE.
There will be a photographer at the Awards.**