



California Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta 2009 IV Idol Contest

The 2009 California Mid-Winter Fair is pleased to host the "IV Idol" Contest. All contestants shall perform at a preliminary competition being held on February 28 on the Calico Stage beginning at 6 PM. Semi-finals will be held March 4 from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. A maximum of five finalists will be chosen to perform at the final competition on March 6 on the Center Stage beginning at 6:30 PM. The winner will receive a trophy, and the title of IV Idol through March 1, 2010. This competition is not affiliated in any way with any other "Idol" or talent competition.

Requirements:

- Contestants must reside within Imperial County
- Contestants must pre-register by 5 PM on Tuesday, February 24 by completing an application and turning it into the Fair office
- Only solo vocalists may enter; duets, trios, bands are not eligible
- Contestants must be amateur singers, and have never performed or received monetary compensation for any singing performance
- Contestants may sing acappella or to professionally recorded tracks, which contestant must supply on a CD; lead vocals on the track must be removed, and total performance cannot exceed four minutes
- Contestants must sing a different song for each stage of the contest
- All songs, vocals, appeal, and stage performance/presentation must be appropriate for a family audience; if performance/performer is determined to be inappropriate for family audience in any way, Fair management reserves the right to eliminate the performer from the competition at any time before, during or after the performance
- Accompaniment by any form of live musical instrument is not allowed
- Contestants must perform at the preliminary contest in order to be eligible for the semi-finals; contestants must perform at the semi-finals in order to be eligible for the final competition
- Contestants will be contacted by February 27 by 5 PM with scheduled performance time for preliminaries; scheduling for the semi-finals will be done at the conclusion of the preliminaries; scheduling for the finals will be done at the conclusion of the semi-finals
- Contestants will forfeit their chance to perform if they are unable to attend on the day and time they are assigned. Altering or exchanging performance times will not be allowed
- All contestants must check-in with contest coordinator at appropriate stage at least 30-minutes prior to beginning of each evenings phase of the competition, or they run the risk of being eliminated from the competition on-the-spot – no excuses
- All contestants participating in the preliminary competition will not be provided Fair admission or parking to the fair; all contestants participating in the semi-finals and final competitions will be provided Fair admission only
- Contestants must be between the ages of 15 years old and 28 years old on February 27, 2009
- Minors under the age of 18, as of February 27, 2009 must have a signed consent and name release authorization form signed and on file with the Fair office prior to preliminary
- The previous IV Idol winners are not eligible to compete in the 2009 contest

Judging Criteria:

- Vocal talent
- Stage presence
- Entertainment appeal

Contestants will be judged by a panel of judges who will score equally in each of the above listed categories. Judges decisions are final.