



The on-line contest begins now!

First submission due by midnight
January 31, 2021

One weekly submission due by each Wednesday
from February 10 – March 17, 2021

Semi-finals presented online starting April 3, 2021
Finals presented online starting April 24, 2021

Registration fee: \$25

Register online at SkokieTheatre.org

Questions? Call the Skokie Idol hotline at
847-677-7761 ext. 4

Skokie Idol – Official Contest Rules

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Welcome to the exciting world of Skokie Idol! This is a singing competition that is open to everyone. We have new rules and an exciting new format this year that will let you continue to sing for your favorite audiences and receive no-cost coaching from some of the greatest singers in the Chicagoland area. If you've performed with us in the past, or if you're new to the game, this year has the potential to be the most exciting yet.

What's different this year?

- Entries submitted and displayed online
- No weekly eliminations
- Written feedback from our judges

How the Game is Played

Skokie Idol is welcome to all singers, regardless of their experience. For six weeks, each contestant will record their song on their smart phone or other camera and submit them to us. The song you just submitted will be presented in an online show. Audience members and judges will vote and you'll accumulate points towards the semi-finals.

Record it on your phone or your tablet. You can record it in a zoom session. Or you can have a friend record you on a handycam.

You can sing to a track. You can sing a cappella. You can have someone accompany you. But you must be the only singer. (Occasionally, a pre-recorded song track contains background singers. That's ok as long as

you sing the lead).

Once we receive your song, you will be given your next song challenge and you will have 10 days to send it in. You can do it right way, or wait for written comments from our judges. Each week, the song challenge will be from a different song category. Past categories have included Broadway, Country & Western, Beatles, Big Band, 60's, etc. but there may be new categories this year.

The song you submit with your registration will not be scored. You will collect scores from your next six. After six songs, we will add up the scores. Only your top five scores will be counted. Your lowest score will be erased. After we rank our contestants, the top half will be invited to submit two songs each for the semi-finals. After voting is complete in the semi-finals, two or three contestants will come back for the finals.

The winner of the finals named Skokie Idol for 2021 and will be featured in a live concert this summer on the Skokie Village Green.

Contestants will be divided into three age groups:

Junior Division: Grades 4 - 8
Teen Division: Grades 8 - 12
Adult Division

Because there are three age divisions, there will be three Skokie Idol winners. Your division is determined by your age on January 01, 2021. Please note: *age groupings for each division are subject to change at our discretion.* For example, 8th graders performed in the Teen Division in 2016, but competed with the Junior Division in 2015.

There is a \$25 registration fee to participate. To register, fill out our registration form at SkokieTheatre.org. You will be sent contest rules and technical information on how to submit your song.

Your first song challenge: **Send Us Your Favorite Song.** Start work on it now. After we receive your online registration form and registration fee, we will send you directions on how to submit your songs. The deadline for your first song submission is midnight on January 31.

Note: Contest rules are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Skokie Theatre management. Current rules are always available on the Skokie Theatre website.

By registering for Skokie Idol, contestants agree that their likeness may appear in promotional photos and videos taken during the event, and that their submissions will be shared on-line.