



**** 2024 Carolina's Best Auditions ****

Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 12:00PM

Kingdom Impact Global Ministries (2503 Murchison Rd., Fayetteville, NC)

2024 Carolina's Best Finale

Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6:30PM

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\$20.00 General Admission | \$50.00 Preferred Seating

Questions & Information:

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NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE DOES NOT IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

ELIGIBILITY:

WIDU Carolina's Best is open to North Carolina & South Carolina residents who are legal residents of the United States of America. Any contestant(s) who are under the age of 18 will be required to have a parent or legal guardian fill out a performance agreement at time of audition.

WIDU Employees, officers, directors, manufacturers or distributors of Contest Materials, and their immediate families (parents, children, siblings, spouse) or members of the same household (whether related or not) of such individual are not eligible to enter. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

Members of audition judging panel and final judging panel and their immediate families (parents, children, siblings, spouse) or members of the same household (whether related or not) of such individual are not eligible to enter. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

HOW TO ENTER:

First step is to **REGISTER**. You can register yourself, groups, choirs, traditional, youth online at www.widucarolinasbest.com or you can register on-site at the auditions. **There is NO registration fee.**

All information collected from registration will be used to identify each contestant(s) point of contact. This information will also be used to contact contestant(s) for updates and information.

Why should you register online? All contestants who register online will be given audition priority at auditions. (Contestant will audition before those that register on-site).

Second step is to **AUDITION**. Auditions are limited to 2 minutes. **(Audition Note: LESS is MORE)** Individual(s) auditioning will be allowed to audition with MUSIC or LIVE BAND and/or SINGERS.

3-4 Contestants will be chosen from each category (Youth, Solo, Choir/Group, Traditional) to compete in the Finale on Thursday, October 24th at the Crown Complex in Fayetteville, NC.

Contest Finalist will be notified by email on the Monday following auditions by 5:00PM. Contest Finalist will also be posted on widuanniversary.com and on WIDU Anniversary Facebook page. These contestants will go on to perform on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at the 2024 WIDU Carolina's Best Finale.

**** PLEASE BRING 8.5x11 PHOTO COPY OF CONTESTANT TO AUDITIONS. THIS PHOTO WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

CONTEST CATEGORIES:

Below are the 4 categories in which contestant(s) can register and compete.

1. Youth Category –
Any solos, duos, groups, choirs where all parties involved are under the age of 18. Any contestant(s) who are under the age of 18 will be required to have a parent or legal guardian fill out a performance agreement at time of audition.
2. Solo Category –
Any single contestant over the age of 18 years old.

3. Choir & Group/Duo
Any contestant(s) performing with a partner/group: 2 or more participants. This category also includes any contestant(s) performing with a supporting group under choir direction.
4. Traditional/Quartet
Any contestant(s) performing traditional gospel music solo or with a partner/group. *** This category may change to QUARTET depending on how many Quartets make it to the Finale.*

REGISTRATION FEE & TICKETS: **Applies to finalist only**

While there is NO registration fee to audition, ALL selected FINALIST are responsible for the cost of 50 tickets (\$10 per) totaling \$500.00 that must be paid by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024.**

NO TICKETS can be returned after Finalist has signed agreement. Any contestants who have not completed final payment of \$500 (value of 50 tickets) by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024** will NOT compete at the 2024 WIDU Carolina's Best Finale on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

The 50 tickets given to each FINALIST are valued at \$10.00 each. These tickets are NOT consignment tickets but are purchased by FINALIST. These tickets are owned 100% by the FINALIST that receives them and can be given away or sold for the ticket value = \$10.00

JUDGING: **Applies to finalist only**

The 2024 WIDU Carolina's Best Finale will have 3-4 judges. Each contestant(s) will have an allotted amount of time to perform on stage. Contestant(s) who make it through auditions will be judged in 5 categories –

1. Stage Presence / Appearance
2. Vocal (Harmony, Pitch, Tone etc.)
3. Originality
4. Overall Performance
5. Crowd Participation / Crowd Response
 - a. *This is based on the individual's that come to support you. How they respond once you enter the stage, while you are on stage, and when you exit the stage.*

Each category is worth 5 points for a total of 25 points.

Deductions:

Contestant(s) points will be deducted for the following reasons –

1. 2 points will be deducted for every minute over the allotted performance time.
2. 2 points will be deducted for every 5 minutes late to Show Call (October 24, 2024 at 5:00PM)

Judging documents/sheets will not be released to performers or public. Judges decisions are FINAL & should not be re-directed to WIDU Carolina's Best Staff or WIDU 1600AM Staff.

AUDITION PERFORMANCE:

Contestant(s) will be allowed to perform using TRACKS or LIVE BAND. LIVE BAND musicians will only be allowed to use house instruments –

Instruments Provided:

- Organ (1)
- Keyboards (2)
- Drums (1)
 - o Player must bring there own snare, kick & sticks
 - o Player needs to bring personal cymbals just in case but will need to switch out cymbals ***fast***.
- Bass Guitar Amp (1)
- Lead Guitar Amp (1)

Instruments NOT Provided:

- Bass Guitar
 - o Player must bring there own bass
- Lead Guitar
 - o Player must bring there own guitar

NO ADDITIONAL equipment should be brought into auditions unless approved by either Shanequa Maxwell or Angel McGill on day of auditions.

If contestant is using TRACKS, please let Carolina's Best Staff know once you arrive at auditions.

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WINNERS & PRIZES

Five (5) Winners will be chosen during the WIDU Carolina's Best Finale – One winner from each category and one grand winner. **The Grand Winner will perform at the 2024 WIDU Anniversary Celebration on Friday, October 25, 2024.**

Choir & Group/Duo Category Winner

– Receives \$250 Cash Prize & Trophy

Youth Category Winner

– Receives \$250 Cash Prize & Trophy

Solo Category Winner

– Receives \$250 Cash Prize & Trophy

Traditional Category Winner

– Receives \$250 Cash Prize & Trophy

"Carolina's Best" Grand Winner

– Receives \$1000 Cash Prize & Trophy

– Perform at 2024 WIDU Anniversary (Oct 25th)

– Surprise Gifts & Opportunities

USE OF DATA:

All collected data (i.e. Phone Numbers, Emails, etc.) will not be sold nor given to any third party advertisers or WIDU Sponsors.