



GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN FOR SUMMER GAMES IDOL Bachelorette Snagged As Finale Judge

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If you've got musical talent, we want you – to sign up for Summer Games Idol! This is your chance to shine, to show your stuff, to put your best foot forward, to sing your heart out ... I think you get the idea.

Impress your family and friends – and our judges – by revealing all that musical talent you've been keeping under wraps.

But there's no time to waste! Completed application forms must be submitted by April 2, 2010!

Forms can be found on the Games website: www.2010albertasummergames.ca.

So what's the key to wowing the judges?

"Give it all you have and have fun," said Sandy Brennan, talent show chair for the 2010 Alberta Summer Games.

The audience – and the judges – can always tell when a performer is really putting his or her heart into those five minutes on stage. Choose a popular song, she advised, one you can sing with lots of energy, that allows you to connect with the audience.

Musical talent is also important, she noted, adding no William Hungs will be making it into our top ten. Poor William, as unappreciated as he is untalented.

There are two feeder shows for applicants to choose from. The first one goes Saturday, April 17 at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Manning, featuring local judges JoAnn Strom and Jen Paulovich.

The second feeder show goes April 24, upstairs at the Falher Arena in Falher, judges yet to be determined.

A local radio personality will act as the third judge at both feeder shows.

Asked why the feeder shows are in the farthest reaches of our contest area, Brennan responded, "Why not?" People from all over the region are often expected to make their way to Peace River for special events, so the organizers of Summer Games Idol decided to turn that thinking around for once.

Five finalists from each feeder show will be selected, video-taped and posted on the KIX 106 web site. Peace residents will then be able to go on line and vote for their favourite of the ten singers.

The three contestants who earn the most votes on line will be invited to perform again at the finale in Peace River on Friday, May 28, which will feature Bachelorette Jillian Harris as one of the judges.

Harris, who grew up in Peace River, will work with the other judges to decide who takes home the grand prize of \$1,000. The winner will also have the opportunity to sing for the athletes at the Summer Games, July 19-25.

Brennan couldn't guess how many singers might apply for Summer Games Idol, but she knows there's a lot of talent in this region and she's hoping for a good turnout in Manning and Falher. "I'd like to see a full day (of auditions) in both places," she said, noting that auditions start at 10 a.m. and will continue until all the applicants have performed for the judges.

Performers are invited to bring a musical instrument, such as a guitar, for their accompaniment. A piano and keyboard will be available at both venues, as well. However, singers need to provide their own accompanist. Recorded music (on CD) is also acceptable, but the recording should not include background vocals, if possible. Groups are welcome to audition, but will have to share the prize.

Residents of all ten Summer Games municipal partners, aged 11-17 as of April 1, 2010, are invited to submit an application.

The ten municipal partners for the 2010 Alberta Summer Games are: Peace River, Grimshaw, Berwyn, Manning, Nampa, Falher, MD of Smoky River, MD of Peace, County of Northern Lights and Northern Sunrise County.

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ABOUT THE 2010 ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES

On July 19 – 25, 2010, the Peace Country is hosting the 2010 Alberta Summer Games. Over 3,000 athletes, coaches and officials will be visiting the Peace region to participate in Alberta's premier youth sporting event. The communities of Falher, Grimshaw, Manning, Peace River, Berwyn, Nampa, M.D. of Peace No. 135, M.D. of Smoky River No. 130, County of Northern Lights and Northern Sunrise County are playing host to this multi-sport, multi-cultural extravaganza. Let's show these future Olympians some good old-fashioned Peace Country hospitality, in the spirit of the Games—good sportsmanship, competitiveness and camaraderie. For more information on the 2010 Alberta Summer Games, please visit www.2010albertasummerngames.ca

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