

23 June 2010

Dear Keene Karaoke IDOL Contestants,

We are looking forward to a talent-packed season resulting in an outstanding competition and show! Once again the event will be broadcast on community access Channel 8, Cheshire TV, as well as streamed on the web. Each elimination round will be taped and then subsequently aired.

Contestants may not repeat songs during the competition. Judging categories include: Stage Presence, Voice Quality, Degree of Difficulty, Song Choice, Showmanship and Zing! **To maintain judging integrity, please do not engage Judges in private conversation during the event.**

You may bring your own CD each week or choose a song from the digital library of Karaoke USA DJ Jay Hosmer. The library is on the IDOL website: www.keeneonline.com/idol. Feel free to email Jay at johnlaurel@comcast.net. It's better to ask your questions well in advance than wait until just before the show.

Week #1: July 9 – 20 Contestants must sing one song of their choice.

Week #2: July 16 – 18 Contestants must sing a song from the 80s.

Week #3: July 23 – 15 Contestants must sing one song of their choice, and spin the *Extreme Karaoke Wheel* for their second song. How does *Extreme Karaoke* work? Each judge's name will appear on the wheel, along with a Wild Card category and a U-Choose category. Steve, Ted and Jen will each prepare a song list of 10 songs.

This list will be distributed in advance. Choices are meant to challenge, not stump, participants. Songs will be chosen by judges according to gender of the performer, so that women aren't asked to sing a men's song and vice versa... unless YOU decide otherwise!
Contestants are not penalized for their performance.

If the spinner lands on a judge's name, then the judge gets to choose the song that the contestant must sing.

Wild Card #1: The contestant gets to choose which judge will assign their song.

U-Choose: The contestant gets to choose their song from any list.

Week #4: July 30, FINALE – 10 Finalists are offered 30 minutes of free, individual voice coaching from Shana Stack between July 24-30! To arrange for lessons contact: stackshana@gmail.com. Finalists must perform 2 songs:

The first selection must be a song from any Broadway show.

The second selection is a song of your choice.

If you have any follow-up questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 603.357.6855. **PLEASE...Encourage your family and friends to reserve their tickets NOW since we expect a sell-out crowd each evening.** Best of luck to each of you, and thanks for supporting the work of AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region.

Best Wishes,

Susan MacNeil, Executive Director