

# 2009 NTDTV Chinese International Vocal Competition

## Rules and Regulations

### Mission

The New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV) “Chinese International Vocal Competition” is one in a series of international cultural and arts events sponsored by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV). The aim of this competition is to foster cultural exchange and promote traditional vocal arts of pure authenticity, pure goodness, and pure beauty. The competition will comprise the following types of vocal works: Chinese classic songs; theme songs from TV drama and movies; arias and artistic songs.

### Organizer

The Competition will be hosted by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV). NTDTV satellite television and the NTDTV website will broadcast the Competition proceedings around the globe.

### Panel of Judges

The panel of judges will be composed of experienced professional singers and will be given full authority to engage in the evaluation tasks of the Competition. The decisions from the panel in all rounds of the competition are final.

### Qualifications to Enter the Competition

1. All professional singers, including vocal instructors, singers, and students from professional vocal schools, performance troupes, professional arts academies, as well as professional-level enthusiasts, may register and participate.
2. Only Chinese or Chinese descendents are accepted in this competition.
3. To qualify for the Competition: After the Panel of Judges has reviewed all of the materials from the applicants, a formal “NTDTV Chinese International Vocal Competition Invitation” will be sent to those who meet the criteria. The contestants may use this invitation to apply for visas and report to the competition.

### Content of the Competition

1. Bel Canto only.
2. Types of vocal works include Chinese classic songs; theme songs from TV drama and movies; arias and artistic songs.
3. Contestants’ musical pieces shall not glorify the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), nor shall they contain any CCP-related culture.
4. The competition will consist of three rounds: Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, and Finals.
5. For the Preliminary round, contestants are required to perform one self-chosen song. For the Semi-Finals and Finals, contestants are required to perform two self-chosen

- songs (or portions) with a total time of no more than eight minutes. The Semi-Final and Final items must not be identical. At least one Chinese-language song each is required in the Semi-Final and Final rounds.
6. The Organization Committee shall provide piano accompaniment for contestants. Contestants may bring their own pianist(s) or prepare their own accompaniment music (at least two music CDs are required), in which case contestants are responsible for all related expenses.
  7. Contestants are required to send all their vocal scores, lyrics and accompaniment music scores to the Organization Committee at least one month before the Preliminaries.

## Registration

1. Registration Dates: Beginning March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
2. Methods of Registration:
  - Internet: <http://vocal.ntdtv.com>
  - Email: [vocal@globalcompetitions.org](mailto:vocal@globalcompetitions.org)
  - Hotline: 1-646-736-2988
  - Fax: 1-212-918-3479
  - Mail: 229 W. 28th Street, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10001, U.S.A.  
Attention: Organization Committee of “NTDTV Chinese International Vocal Competition”
3. Personal Information:
  - The applicant should fill out and submit the Chinese International Vocal Competition Registration Form as well as the Resume Form; both of which can be downloaded from the Competition’s Website. All those under the age of 18 must have a legal guardian sign the Registration Form.
  - Each applicant must provide two 1 inch by 1 inch color photos (digital photos preferred) and a copy of their valid ID.
  - The applicant should send in the latest recordings of his/her recital (10 minutes minimum) in the format of high quality cassette, audio CD, VCD or DVD (preferably in NTSC format). The VCD or DVD must not be enhanced or edited. The information of the applicant should be clearly marked on the cover of cassette or disk. In addition, no subtitles or logos that reveal any information about the applicant may appear within the image or else it will be considered an act of forfeiture. If the applicant has difficulty in fulfilling this request, please inform the Competition’s Organization Committee.
  - The above application materials should be sent to the Competition’s Organization Committee by registered mail. All application materials shall not be returned.
4. Registration Fee<sup>1</sup>: US\$50. We take major credit cards, cash, traveler’s checks, or money orders. Please make your check payable to New Tang Dynasty Television.

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<sup>1</sup> Under normal circumstances, applicant’s registration becomes valid only after he or she pays the registration fee. For applicants who cannot prepay the registration fee due to special difficulties, they are required to submit a formal written request to delay the payment of registration fee until time of competition. However, there will be a US\$20 surcharge in such case.

5. Registered express mail charges: for applicant who needs a United States visa, please indicate so on the Registration Form, and pay an additional US\$25 fee for the registered express mail for the visa materials.

## Competition Location

- Preliminaries in Taiwan  
Ya-Yinh Building  
National University of Tainan  
Tainan, Taiwan
- Competitions in U. S.A. (Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, Finals & Award Ceremony)  
The Gerald W. Lynch Theater at The John Jay College  
899 Tenth Avenue New York, NY, 10019, U.S.A.

## Competition Dates

- Preliminaries in Taiwan will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- Competitions in USA will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

## Placement Awards

Gold award: US\$10,000; Silver award: US\$3,000; Bronze award: US\$1,000.

- Bel Canto:
  - Male Division: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze;
  - Female Division: 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze.
- Honorable Mention Awards will also be presented to outstanding contestants.

## Accommodation and Transportation

1. The Competition's Organization Committee will recommend hotels in New York City for contestants and those accompanying them.
2. Contestants and their entourage shall pay for their own accommodation and transportation.

## Miscellaneous

1. Upon registration, contestants acknowledge the validity of the Rules and Regulations for the Competition.
2. All contestants shall comply with the Rules and Regulation, as well as all the arrangements of the Competition's Organization Committee. The committee has the right to revoke violators' eligibility and the prizes awarded.
3. Contestants will take full responsibility to any copyright issues related to the music they choose for the competition.
4. All winners must personally attend the award ceremony to accept the prize. Cash will not be awarded in lieu of that prize. The winners absent will automatically give up the prize.

5. After the on-site Awards ceremony for the Finals, any international performance companies wishing to sign a contract with a contestant, the contestant must notify the Panel of Judges.
6. New Tang Dynasty Television is entitled to all copyrights of audio and video products made during the Competition.
7. The Competition's Organization Committee shall have the ultimate authority to interpret the Rules and Regulations for the Competition and have the right to make any changes to them as necessary.

**The Organization Committee of NTDTV Chinese International Vocal Competition**

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