



General Auditions, January 12, 2019
Noon – 3 pm

Weekly Sing-offs on Saturday afternoons
January 26 – March 16, 2019
Noon – 5:30 pm - Times vary
No sing-off on March 9

Junior Division Finals: Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm
Teen and Adult Division Finals: Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 pm

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! Just like the famous television show, contestants will perform each week in front of a live audience and a panel of judges. Contestants may be invited back based on judges scores and audience votes until one person remains. That person will be named Skokie Idol and featured at a Wednesday On the Green concert in Downtown Skokie, on July 10, 2019.

General Auditions will be held on January 12, 2019. You do not need to live in Skokie to participate. Everyone is welcome to audition, including prior year's contestants.

We will be auditioning contestants in 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 12, 2019. Please note: based on the results of the General Auditions, *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.

What you need to prepare: Your very best song! You may use karaoke tracks on a CD or a musical instrument which you supply. You may sing a Capella. You may use the piano at the theatre. All other instruments must be brought by the contestant.

Our general auditions will be judged by our panel of judges only. At the auditions, we will select from seven to twelve singers in each category to become the contestants for the weekly sing-offs.

Every Saturday from January 26 to March 16, we will have afternoon sing-offs between Noon and 5:30 pm. Starting times will vary at different points in the competition, but each division will perform together at the assigned time. There will be a different musical theme given to our contestants each week. The contestants will be judged by both our panel of judges AND the audience. Tickets to the sing-offs are only \$5.00 each and are sold on a first-come first-served basis on the day of the event. *Note: There will be no sing-off on March 9.*

At each sing-off, one or more contestants from each division will be invited to return for the next week, and possibly one or more contestants will be eliminated. This will continue until only the finalists remain. In the final sing-off, the finalists will sing 3 different songs, with one song accompanied by a live musician provided by MadKap Productions and Skokie Theatre.

Every contestant who makes it to the first sing-off will be invited back for week 2. Week 2 will likely have a double elimination for week 3. There may be other double eliminations in any given week without prior warning. There may also be no eliminations in the case of a tie or other circumstances.

Contestants must be present at the Sing-off each week in order to receive a score from the judges and the audience. However, each contestant is allowed one absence. If the contestant is absent, their score from the prior week may count as the current week's score. If they are absent from the first week, their second week score will apply to week one. There are no absences allowed for the finals or the semi-finals.

The Junior Division Finals will be held Friday, April 5, 2019, at 7:30 pm. At least 3 finalists will compete from the Junior Division.

The High School Division and Adult Division Finals will be held Saturday evening, April 6, 2019 at 7:30 pm. At least two finalists from each of these divisions will compete.

One finalist from each division will be named Skokie Idol and each wins the GRAND PRIZE.

GRAND PRIZE: The Skokie Idol winner from each division will be featured in concert at Wednesdays on the Green on July 10, 2019, an event sponsored by The Skokie Chamber of Commerce and Industry. They will also receive a \$100 Visa gift card from MadKap Productions and Skokie Theatre. Other prizes from local merchants will be awarded to the contestants as they become available.

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.