



Quassy Summer Idol Returns With New Themes For 2014

MIDDLEBURY, Conn. – Get ready to rock as the Quassy Summer Idol singing competition returns for the third consecutive year at Quassy Amusement & Waterpark here.

Registration for the two divisions – teens and pre-teens – is now open with a \$15 fee charged. Those interested in registering for an audition may call the park at 203-758-2913 or e-mail info@quassy.com for a registration form. Online registration is available at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7dv9qecab&oeidk=a07e8uwcwaa58529933>.

Auditions are slated for the week of July 7, with the first live show at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 20, at the park's Carousel Theatre stage. Registration may close without notice.

"We've incorporated new themes for the first three weeks of the competition," said Quassy's George Frantzis. "We look forward to another spirited competition as the past two years have been exceptional and highly entertaining."

The first show will feature music by rock 'n' roll legends Chicago and The Rolling Stones. Singers must perform a song of their choice from either of the two bands. Country music will be the theme for the second show, July 27, with Motown the genre for Aug. 3 – week three. The top five from each division will perform in the final show on Aug. 10 with singer's choice as the theme.

Quassy Amusement & Waterpark and Waterbury, Conn., radio station WATR sponsor Quassy Summer Idol. WATR personality Tom Chute will be host of the final show with other show hosts announced at a later date. Presenting partners at the Carousel Theatre stage are TD Bank, Price Chopper, YP.com, YP Mobile & YP Yellow Pages, and radio station WATR.

2014 Quassy Summer Idol overview and rules:

- * Show dates: Sundays at 2 p.m. July 20, July 27, Aug. 3. Finals – top five from each division - at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 10.
- * Registration for auditions: Through July 3. Cutoff may be sooner depending on response. Registration fee: \$15, nonrefundable.
- * Two divisions for 2014: Teens and pre-teens. Registrants under 18 must have permission from parent/legal guardian to participate.
- * Prizes in both divisions: First place \$100 plus trophy; second place \$75 plus trophy; third place \$50 plus trophy. An audience choice award will be presented at each live competition based on applause.
- * Auditions: 6 p.m. July 8, 9, 10. If you miss your assigned audition, you forfeit. 30-second audition - must be A cappella. Judges' decisions are final. Finalists will be selected and move on to the live shows.
- * Warm-ups: Performers in any of the live shows may come early and warm up prior to the Sunday shows with a song other than the one they will be performing before the show audience. Those interested must contact the park to reserve a "warm-up" time between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- * Themed shows and song criteria: Participants must bring their own compact disc each day with song length no longer than 3 minutes, 20 seconds. It will be the responsibility of each participant to download

the music for the particular show. Week 1: Chicago (the band) or The Rolling Stones; Week 2: Country; Week 3: Motown; Finals: singer's choice.

* Penalties: Participants will be penalized if song runs more than 3 minutes, 20 seconds. No backup (vocals) or any other vocals allowed on the CDs - instrumental only. Contestants must check CDs prior to coming to the park to be certain they play back properly.

* Competition strictly singing. Contestants may use acoustic musical instrument such as a guitar etc., but must provide it. Instrument must require simple setup. Instruments must be tuned before taking the stage. No amplified instruments. Only singing will be judged.

* Judges: A panel of professional, qualified music judges will be at each live show. The judges' decisions will be final.

About The Park

Quassy Amusement Park & Waterpark is in its 106th year and features more than two-dozen rides and attractions. The lakeside property is also home to "Splash Away Bay" waterpark with the new "BulletBowl" water raft ride and "FreeFall" extreme body slides. In addition, a children's splash pad titled the "Fish Pond" opened in 2013.

Quassy also features a new laser maze attraction in its huge arcade building.

Rides include the award-winning "Wooden Warrior" roller coaster, "Music Fest," "Yo-Yo" super swings, "Free Fall 'N' Drop Tower," "Grand Carousel" and more.

The park also has a restaurant, redemption arcade, games, live entertainment and special events.

Quassy opens April 26 for the 2014 season with Quassy Beach and the waterpark opening on May 24.

Season passes are on sale now at the park office and through the Quassy Web site at www.quassy.com. Company picnics, school fieldtrips and other catered events are also being scheduled through the park office at 203-758-2913.

Quassy is located at 2132 Middlebury Road, Route 64, in Middlebury, Conn., on the shores of Lake Quassapaug.

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