

2018 BC “Chinese Bridge” Mandarin Singing Contest For University Students

Rules and Regulations

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The contest is designed to facilitate Sino-Canadian cultural interactions and to promote university students’ learning of Mandarin Chinese by showcasing their talents in language learning through this singing contest.

2. Contestant Eligibility and Requirements

- 2.1. This contest is open to all current post-secondary students in British Columbia, who were born **outside** of regions and countries with Chinese as an official or social language.
- 2.2. Applicants may be required to produce a copy of their birth certificate for registration.
- 2.3. All songs must be performed in Mandarin. Returning contestants are required to perform a song different from the song(s) used previously.
- 2.4. An MP3 copy of the background music track must be submitted at registration if musical accompaniment is desired. Alternatively, contestants may play their live instruments as musical accompaniment.
- 2.5. Performances will be judged in the following five categories:
 - a. Accuracy in Mandarin Pronunciation and Articulation: 35%.
 - b. Breath Control and Quality of Voice: 30%
 - c. Precision in Pitch and Rhythm: 15%.
 - d. Level of Difficulty and Artistic Merit: 10%.
 - e. Stage Manners and Artistic Creativity: 10%.
- 2.6. Illegal or controlled substances, alcohol, or weapons are not permitted at the Preliminary and Final Contests.

3. The Preliminary Contest

- 3.1. The Preliminary Contest will be held in 3 separate locations:
 - a. Lower Mainland: Confucius Institute at BCIT (280-555 Seymour St., Vancouver, 1:00 p.m., Oct 27, 2018)
 - b. Fraser Valley: University of Fraser Valley or Trinity Western University (TBA)
 - c. Vancouver Island: University of Victoria (Henry Hickman Building 105, 4:30 p.m., Oct 26, 2018)
- 3.2. Contestants are required to report to a registration desk outside their given contest venue 30 minutes before the start of the preliminary contest.

- 3.3. All contestants have to be present for the preliminary contest. Any Category B (4-12 vocalists) entries with fewer than 4 vocalists will be disqualified for the group contest.
- 3.4. Contestants reporting late will lose their designated time slot, and will not be guaranteed a new time slot.
- 3.5. Each contestant has about 3 minutes to perform their chosen song.
- 3.6. Around 25 songs will be selected to proceed into the final contest.

4. The Final Contest

- 4.1. The Final Contest will be held on November 17, 2018, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM (Venue TBA).
- 4.2. All finalists are required to report to a registration desk at the contest venue ONE HOUR before the start of the contest, regardless of the performance order.
- 4.3. Each finalist will be invited to sing their chosen song that lasts no more than 5 minutes.
- 4.4 Selected Category B (4-12 vocalists) finalists, ending up with fewer than four vocalists, are welcome to perform but are not qualified for awards.

5. General Contest Rules

- 5.1 Category A (1-3 vocalists) contestants are entitled to compete for the First, Second and Third Prize in addition to five other awards including Best Stage Appearance Award, Highest Popularity Award, Best Pronunciation Award, Best Chinese Style Award and Best Creativity Award respectively.

Category B (4-12 vocalists) contestants are entitled to compete for the Group Singing First, Second and Third Prizes, under the condition that there should be at least three groups qualified for the final contest.

- 5.2. The Organizer may request contestants to participate in additional activities relating to the Contest, including interviews and appearances at promotional, publicity, and sponsorship activities.
- 5.3. The Organizers and Judges' decision is final and the contestants acknowledge that the interests of the Contest shall override those of any contestant. The Organizer reserves the right to make all final decisions relating to the Contest.
- 5.4. At all times during the Contest, the Organizer reserves the right of veto over the choice of song, even though contestants have been permitted to select that song.
- 5.5. The Organizer will have no liability to a contestant who is unable to attend or take part in any part of the Contest for whatever reason, as determined by the Organizer at its sole discretion.

- 5.6. The Organizer has the right to require proof of identity and/or eligibility. Failure to provide such proof within a reasonable time could result in disqualification from the Contest.
- 5.7. All personal details and information requested by and supplied to the Organizer by each contestant must be truthful, accurate and in no way misleading. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify any contestant from the Contest at its sole discretion, should the contestant at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information or should the contestant be ineligible for the Contest pursuant to the Contest Rules.
- 5.8. The Organizer reserves the right to amend the Contest Rules or terminate the Contest at any time without any liability to any contestant.
- 5.9. The Organizer also reserves the right to replace at its discretion any contestant, who for any reason fails or is disqualified from or unable to participate in any aspect of the Contest, with another replacement contestant; notwithstanding that the replacement contestant may have been previously eliminated from the Contest. The choice of the replacement contestant is determined at the committee's discretion.
- 5.10. Contestants must at all times behave appropriately when taking part in the Contest and observe the Contest Rules and any other rules. The Organizer reserves the right at its discretion to remove from the Contest or the premises any contestant who breaks such a rule or fails to behave appropriately; thereupon, to disqualify such a contestant.
- 5.11. By participating in the contest, the contestant agrees to waive any and all claims they may now and in the future have against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue the contest organizers and their volunteers, agents or representatives for any personal injuries, death and property damages, expenses or loss sustained by the contestant as a result of their participation in the contest due to any cause whatsoever.
- 5.12. These contest rules are additional to the terms and conditions of the Registration Forms signed by the contestant.