

2024 SOUND CHECK - Contestant Rules

Sound Check 2024 is Grande Prairie's annual music competition in support of the Centre for Young Parents. In Partnership with Cam White of CW LIVE Entertainment, acts will compete for a cash prize, performance opportunities, and potential radio play. Sound Check 2024 will be performed over one round with two different divisions: Solos/Duos and for the first time Bands will compete in their own division.

DATE Saturday October 5th (ONE NIGHT ONLY!)

LOCATION JP Events Centre

TIMELINE

Friday Oct. 4th

4:00 - 5:00pm techs arrive
5:00 - 11:00pm Artist Sound Check

Saturday Oct. 5th

4:30 – 5:30pm Artist Sign in
5:30pm Doors open
5:45 - 6:45pm Cocktail hour
6:45 - 7:00pm Good luck Video & Introductions
7:00 – 9:10pm 1st round
9:10 - 9:40pm Break - Musical Performance TBD
9:40 – 11:40pm 2nd round
11:40pm -12:00am Break - Auction and Music TBD
12:00am Announce Winners and Audience Choice

PRIZES

Solo/duo

1st \$1000 + a fully recorded and mastered single from TBD
2nd \$500
3rd \$150 (Audience Choice)

Bands

1st \$1500 + a fully recorded and mastered single with CDM audio
2nd \$750
3rd \$350 (Audience Choice)

COST TO APPLY (INCLUDES TICKET TO SOUND CHECK)

Solos: \$40 Duos: \$80 Bands: \$40/Member

RULES

1. Solo or Duo performers: 10 will be chosen to compete in the Solo/Duo division. In the case of a duo performance BOTH ARTISTS MUST SING with at least one of the artists playing a musical instrument. Solo acapella music is allowed. ONE of the two performs (duo) must reside full time in the Peace Region at the time of Sound Check 2024.
2. Bands: 5 will be selected to compete in the Bands division. No limitations for the number of performers in the group. 50% or more of the act must reside in the Peace Region at the time of Sound Check 2024.
3. No 'Canned' music (no recorded music). All acts MUST PLAY THEIR OWN INSTRUMENTS and live vocals. No Samples.
4. Original and cover songs are allowed but the contest is promoting a radio recording so originality in cover songs and original music will be favored.
5. Solo acts will be given 10 minutes of performance time plus 5 minutes MAX for set up and take down. Bands will be given 15 minutes of performance time plus 15 minutes MAX for set up and take down.
6. Bands must use the provided Sound Check drum kit and cannot bring their own kit except for percussion pieces (ie. cowbell). Bass players must use the provided Bass Amp. All other artists are responsible to bring their own boards and amps that we will digital set for levels during artist sound check on Friday.
7. All age show. No swearing, vulgarity, nudity, or anything that could be seen as obscene. Anything viewed as inappropriate could be disqualified at the discretion of the judges and/or host Cam White. If there is concern on this end by a contestant, please contact Cam White prior to the contest for clarification and ruling.
8. Acts are to be judged with scores out of 10 on the following: MUSICIANSHIP, VOCALS, CROWD INTERACTION, ORIGINALITY, and X-FACTOR. An original song will score 10 for originality automatically.
9. Audience choice tickets are paid tickets in support of the Centre for Young Parents available to the patrons of Sound Check 2024 to help support their favorite artist.
10. No drugs or alcohol before or during the contest. Any acts found violating this rule are subject to potential disqualification at the discretion of the organizers and host Cam White.
11. All acts must be amateur performers. For our purpose we will define 'Professional' as anyone that makes more than half of their annual income from performing between Jan 1, 2023 and Jan 1, 2024. (Music instructors/teachers can compete).
12. All acts must fill out the 'Audition Form' and include a 30-90 second UNLISTED YOUTUBE LINK (cell phone video is fine, ENTER THE LINK on

application form) to be reviewed prior to contestant selection. This must be submitted by 11:59pm (MST) on September 4th, 2024 to be eligible to compete in the 2024 Sound Check Music Competition. Finalists will be informed on September 10th.

13. There will be an artist hang out area during the Event where performers are encouraged to mingle, warm up, or just relax. Performers are allowed to watch the performances of the session they are not performing in from the audience if they so choose.
14. Artists Application fees go towards the Centre for Young Parents. With this being a fundraiser, our goal is to raise money and encourage all applicants to attend, as such all applicants get a ticket to Sound Check 2024 with their application at a discounted price. Please attend this event whether you are selected or not to help grow the Peace Region music scene and support young parents in our community.
15. HAVE FUN! That's what it's all about.

GEAR PROVIDED

DI Plug ins (4)

Microphones and mic stands (5)

Music Stands (4)

Bring your own cables

NOTE

Artists must bring their own instruments and bear full responsibility for their well-being during Sound Check 2024. Please note all of your tech requirements in the application form.

We are working hard to put on a quality event, and you can help by:

1. Showing up early for sign-ins.
2. Tuning your instruments *before* going onstage.
3. Have NEW BATTERIES inside your instruments (if applicable).
4. Don't make us find you (Hang out in the green room until its your turn)
5. Be polite, kind, and courteous to everyone.
6. Inviting all your family and friends to come support you and this great organization.
7. Filling out application EARLY.

Thank you for your consideration in participating at the 2024 Sound Check, best of luck with your audition video and we hope to see you October 5th!

Team SOUND CHECK 2024