



**2018 BVJ-ATB Financial Homegrown Talent 'ROAD TO MAIN STAGE'
Singer/ Songwriter Competition Application**

Applications are now open from February 12, 2018 – March 16th, 2018
Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 16th, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

NEW: Submission Registration Fee:
\$50.00 is due upon acceptance in to the audition and mentoring process

BACKGROUND

For the past 18 years Panhandle Productions (Big Valley Jamboree), has been thrilled to feature the youth of our community on the BVJ-ATB Financial Homegrown Stage and for the past 5 years, Big Valley Jamboree has dedicated this stage to the pursuit of obtaining a Grand Winner to feature on one of the largest stages in all of North America.

BVJ solicits submissions from singers/ songwriters who excel at the craft of singing and/or songwriting who want to share their talents with audiences and have an opportunity to perform on the same main stage as Keith Urban, Willie Nelson, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert, Alan Jackson, and many more who have graced Big Valley Jamborees' Main stage.

The BVJ-ATB Financial Homegrown Talent Stage is certainly a stage on which to showcase your talent. The real magic of this showcase event is uncovering so many passionate artists who practice and perform for the love of music.

For more information and to apply to be a part of this coveted competition, please see requirements and process below.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **MUST be at least 18 years of age or less.**
- Vocalists/Singers - Solo, duets, trios and vocal groups accepted.
- Genres of music are accepted except Hard Metal Rock.
- No Bands.
- Soloists with accompanists will be accepted. Accompanists of all ages accepted. Accompanist expenses are the responsibility of the performer.
- Upon written acceptance into the mandatory Mentorship Program a \$50 Registration Fee is required before formal acceptance into the BVJ ATB Homegrown Stage audition process is confirmed.

PROCESS

To submit your application to the ATB Financial Homegrown Stage and Main Stage BVJ, is to:

- Download the [2018 BVJ-ATB Application Form](#) and follow the instructions at the bottom of the Form.
- SEND application to irma@imacmanagement.com
- SEND link of your performance video, BIOs and jpgs via email to irma@imacmanagement.com

Submissions received will be reviewed by an impartial industry-led jury. Successful applicants will be notified via email of their opportunity to participate in the process of (3) Mentoring Sessions and (1) Qualifying Round and (1) performance opportunity prior to the BVJ event.

Please Note: Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance. All applicants will be notified after March 16th (approximate date) on the status of their submission.

Mentoring Sessions

Once an application has been approved to move forward participants will be contacted to take part in the mandatory Mentoring Sessions (3). Participants are required to choose (1) date for each session. Sessions are on a first come, first serve basis

Sessions:

- 1) *Live Performance & Music Make Overs/ Audience Engagement – Presenter Rhea March*
Saturday, March 24th, 2018
Sunday, March 25th, 2018
Sunday, April 15th, 2018
- 2) *Music Mentoring – Presenter: Irma MacPherson, iMac Management Inc.*
Saturday, April 21st, 2018
Sunday, April 22nd, 2018
Saturday, April 28th, 2018
Sunday, April 29th, 2018
- 3) *Artist Visuals Presentation – Clothing & Stage Make-up – Presenters: Kathleen McMurray & Amy Mottershead*
Saturday, May 5th, 2018
Sunday, May 6th, 2018
Saturday, May 12th, 2018

Categories

Juniors – 5-12 years of age (as of August 5, 2018)

Youths - 13-18 years of age (as of August 5, 2018)

Qualifying Round

June 1 – 3rd, 2018 - Once participants have attended the mentoring sessions they will be required to perform (2) Songs at a Venue (TBD) between June 1 – 3rd, 2018 in order to qualify for a position at the Semi-Finals on the BVJ – ATB Financial Stage in August during Big Valley Jamboree.

Performance Opportunity

June 10th or 17th or 24th, 2018 - Venue (TBD) - Showcasing opportunity for all Qualifying performers.

BVJ – ATB Financial Semi-Finals

The 2018 BVJ ATB Homegrown Talent Stage will have (5) Semi-Finals (August 2nd-4th). Participants will perform a one (1) song performance in a one hour segment between August 2-5, 2018.

Each Semi-Final will showcase up to ten (10) artists; two (2) of whom will be selected by Music Industry professionals to advance to one of the (2) Final times. There will also be One (1) Peoples Choice Award selected during each of the five (5) Semi-Final hours.

BVJ – ATB Financial Finals

The 2018 BVJ ATB Homegrown Talent Stage (10) Semi-Finalists, (2) Wild Cards and (3) Juniors making it a total of 15 for the Finals will perform on August 5th at either 12:00 p.m or 3:00 p.m.

The ultimate goal is to select a Grand Winner who will perform on the Main Stage Sunday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. and along with the Junior Winner will represent the BVJ ATB Financial for the 2018-2019 year.

To view the past participants and winners visit:

<https://www.bigvalleyjamboree.com/bvj/activities/homegrown-talent-stage>

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