

The Josie Music Association Kicks Off The Josie Music Awards All Ages Vocal Competition!

The 7th Annual Josie Music Award Show Event will include the inaugural JMA All Ages Vocal Competition. Twelve fantastic vocalists will compete for the grand prize that will be selected by a professional music industry judging panel.



Tennessee, Nashville, Jul 10, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](http://www.IssueWire.com)) - The Josie Music Association, LLC. Has planned the first Josie Music Awards All Ages Vocal Competition to be held during the 2021 Josie Music Awards weekend of events. The JMA All Ages Vocal Competition will be held on Friday, September 17th at the Country Tonite Theatre in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from 2 – 4 pm. The Josie Music Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 18th where the grand prize winner and runner-up will be formally recognized.

In the competition's first year over 250 applications were received from outstanding vocalists. The Josie Music Award's panel of industry professionals narrowed that number down to twelve contestants who will participate in the event. The top twelve contestants are Mya Hunt, Heather Victorino, Tom Euler, Ricky Gunter, Jackson Snelling, Mia Grace, Kamber Cain, Mary Clare, Lisa Mary, Faith Parle, Austin Chatfield, and Lee Newton.

Judges Scott Sexton, Roxane Atwood, and Devon O'Day will be in search of the most talented acapella

vocalist. There will be a grand prize and runner-up selected. The grand prize winner will receive a song recording at the legendary OmniSound Studio in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. The song will then be released and distributed under the Cavalla Records, LLC record label and Indie Star Publishing (BMI).

Vocal Competition Judge Scott Sexton's deep passion for music – specifically Country Music – that lead Scott Sexton to Nashville in pursuit of a career in the music business. At the early age of 19, Scott began freelance writing for a country music blog and info site CountryMusic.about.com, conducting interviews with such artists as Trisha Yearwood, Marty Stuart, Chuck Wicks, Jo Dee Messina, Steve Wariner, along with many others. Not long after, Scott became a sought-after freelancer and started writing for other outlets including CountryMusicReport.com and CountryStarsCentral.com.

With great love for history and the legends of Country Music, Scott integrated himself into a position with Grand Ole Opry star Jack Greene – lasting 7 years until his passing in 2013. While working on Greene's last album Precious Memories, Treasured Friends, Scott learned so much about the 'behind-the-scenes' of making an album and the eventual marketing of it. Having written press releases, contacting media, and securing news placement for this album only intrigued Scott more and more eventually helping him set his sights on becoming a full-time publicist in the industry he loved so much.

One not to sit still for long and with Greene's passing, Scott knew he needed to reinvent his works and spearheaded a concert series to raise money for various charities. In June 2013, he created "Country for A Cause," the annual event, which continues to raise money for The Children's Miracle Network.

In 2018, Scott's musical journey has led him to his dream position – publicist – at 2911 Media where he handles media for an impressive list of clients.

Vocal Competition Judge Roxane Atwood was voted Media Person of The Year by the Reunion of Professional Entertainers and winner of the 2020 Telly Award for Social Media Event of the Year, Roxane Atwood is multi-award winning music journalist who spent twelve years as a producer, writer, and talent coordinator for The Nashville Network. Roxane produced the television shows Opry Backstage and Opry Live from the Grand Ole Opry followed by an eight-year run as a producer for Bill Anderson Visits with The Legends for Sirius-XM where she worked alongside music A-listers who included Dolly Parton, The Oak Ridge Boys, Vince Gill, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, and Merle Haggard. A former television news anchor on KTVT in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Roxane's other credits include author, radio air personality, emcee, keynote speaker, television talk show host, recorded songwriter, segment producer for NPT's Tennessee Crossroads, as well as contributor/producer for the CMA Awards, Pentagon Channel, various CBS specials and Time-Life.

Roxane currently serves on the board of Country for A Cause and has raised thousands of dollars for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. As co-chair of Nashville's annual Dottie West Birthday Bash, she continues to raise substantial donations for the AFM's Emergency Relief Fund for musicians in need. Roxane is married to 38-year Grand Ole Opry veteran Tim Atwood. She is the mother of two sons and the grandmother of six beautiful girls.

Vocal Competition Judge Devon O'Day is a career broadcaster with a resume' that includes The House Foundation with Gerry House, Mix92.9 Nashville, WSM the Most Famed Radio Station, and nationally syndicated shows like Country Hitmakers, The Saturday Night House Party, and America's #1s. Devon is now producing and hosting her own shows including Mainstreet Today. Former Miss Louisiana National Teenager and pioneer of the plus-division of the Ford Modeling Agency in New York City, Devon O'Day is also the author of 4 books for Thomas Nelson/Zondervan and two for Abingdon Press

among them *My Southern Food* and *My Angels Wear Fur*. As a songwriter, she has had songs recorded by Lee Ann Womack, Hank Williams, Jr, Pam Tillis, Neal McCoy, Trace Adkins, and a #1 for George Strait called "The Big One", co-written with Gerry House. She is the narrator for over 20 audiobooks and her voice has been heard on every major network for national clients like Hilton Hotels, KFC, and Fellowship of Christians and Jews. Devon has been the host of national radio specials for Garth Brooks, the Dixie Chicks, Kenny Chesney, Bill Gaither, and hosted Tammy Wynette's biography on the Lifetime network.

To learn more about the Josie Music Awards or for tickets to this event visit
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