



Rose Theatre invites indie musicians

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Brampton-based indie musicians who currently take refuge in their basement or garages and have no idea if they have what it takes, now have a golden opportunity to test the waters. The Rose Theatre Brampton is inviting amateur musicians of all ages to enter a singer/songwriter contest. To be eligible, the artist should record a performance of one of their original song, from a home or computer video camera and post their best take on the Rose Theatre's Facebook wall by Oct. 8. Also, entrants should not have collected earnings from publishing royalties.

There is no cost to enter. Ownership of any songs submitted will remain solely with the entrant.

Winners of the contest will win eight hours of recording time at Orchard Studio as well as a one hour mentor/coaching session with renowned vocalist and songwriter Shakura S'Aida.

All entrants who qualify or are short-listed will get to meet S'Aida and participate in the sound check before her performance at the Rose Theatre on Oct. 19.

A panel of judges such as Ottawa-based singer/songwriter Kellylee Evans, Dave Ferri, owner of Orchard Studio and a sound engineer and Costin Manu, programming manager for The Rose Theatre will critique the entries. What's more, Facebook "likes" from family, friends and fans could increase the chances of influencing judges, said the organizers.

For those not on Facebook, an alternative option is to send a YouTube link to rosetheatre@brampton.ca. For more information, visit, www.rosetheatre.ca or call the Rose Theatre Box Office at 905-874-2800.

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