

# 2012 Stratford Star General Information

**Dates, times and procedure are subject to change!**

**Registration Deadline: Friday December 30<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**1<sup>st</sup> Audition slot:** Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30- 4:30 at the Youth Centre

**2<sup>nd</sup> Audition slot:** Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the YMCA

**3<sup>rd</sup> Audition slot- if needed:** Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the YMCA

Notifications will be made the week of January 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**Show Dates:** Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> @ Kiwanis Centre

**Finale:** Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> @ City Hall

Shows generally run from 7-10:00 p.m.

Contestants will be required to complete a sound check prior to the show.

The final competition size will depend on the number of successful applicants but we are planning for 14.

On the first night all 14 will sing one song each. On the second night the same 14 will sing a second song. At the end of the second night the group will be cut from 14 to 6. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> night the 6 will each sign two songs. Finale night will have the top 6 competitors singing 2 songs each.

Contestants can play instruments while singing in the competition or during auditions but are not required to. You may also have a live musician accompany you; however they are not able to assist with vocals of any kind.

All sound equipment will be provided but **contestants are responsible for bringing in their own CD with karaoke background music, or their own instruments (guitar, keyboard etc).**

If you are unable to find your own music or do not know how to we may be able to assist, please let us know as soon as possible if you need help!

There will be 3 judges who attend all shows.

The same marking criteria will be used for all contestants.

None of the three judges for the show will be present at the initial auditions.

Please ensure all song choices are appropriate for a 'family' audience.

You can sing the same song in auditions and the in competition, but it is suggested you do not repeat a song within the competition.

There will be an admittance fee at the door for community members who choose to attend the shows. 100% of the funds raised will be used to support local youth programming.

If you have any questions, concerns or require more information please do not hesitate to contact Angie Adair at [angie\\_adair@ymca.ca](mailto:angie_adair@ymca.ca) or by calling the YMCA Youth Centre at 519-273-3014