## Singing News/Solid Gospel Songwriters Search Guidelines

**What is it?** The Singing News/Solid Gospel Songwriters Search invites Southern Gospel songwriters to submit their original songs for professional critique and posting on SingingNews.com. Two Grand Prize Winners and five runners-up will win prizes (see prize package description below.)

**Who can enter?** Non-professional songwriters (defined as never having had an original song on the Singing News Top 80 chart; and who are not currently under an exclusive publishing contract.)

What does it cost? Contest entry fees are listed on the entry form. What can I win?

# **Grand prize package**

- Two winning Songs will be selected.
- One winning song will be chosen and recorded by Jeff & Sheri Easter and released on their next CD.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> winning song will be chosen and recorded by Triumphant Quartet and released on their next CD.
- 400- word story in SN Magazine in '2010
- Story, picture and song posted on SN.com
- Mentoring session with participating judges and other top southern gospel songwriters.
- Paid entrance and participation in the NQC '2010 Songwriters showcase.
- Two tickets to a Saturday evening NQC program.
- Personal introductions to key record labels, publishers and artists during NQC week.

## 5 Runners up prizes

- Song demo will be recorded by Nashville musicians and singers.
- Includes a copy of performance tracks.
- Story in SN Magazine will spotlight the five runners up.
- Mentoring session with participating judges and other top southern gospel songwriters.
- Paid entrance to NQC's 2010 Songwriter's Showcase.
- Two tickets to a Saturday evening NQC program.

### What is the deadline

Entries received by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 will receive a discounted rate (see entry form) and FREE Singing News Hits and Hymns CD. Entires will be excepted through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 but those received after March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will not receive the discount or free CD.

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### If I pay for a critique who will critique my song?

Scott Inman (With Triumphant Quartet)

Sheri Easter (With Jeff & Sheri Easter)

Chris Binion (Songs recorded by Talley Trio, Kingsmen, Kingdon Heirs and multiple Number One Songs)

Twila LaBar (Songs recorded by Talley Trio, Hoskins Family, Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, Point of Grace and multiple award winner)

Rebbecca Peck (Songs recorded by the Booth Brothers, Brian Free and Assurance, Kingsmen, Gold City and multi-award winner)

Jim Brady (With Booth Brothers)

**How do I enter?** Print an entry form, found at solidgospel.com or singingnews.com. Complete and send the entry form, CD demo of your song with typed lyrics, along with the appropriate entry fee to: Singing News/Solid Gospel Song Search, ATTN: Stephanie 402 BNA Drive Suite 400 Nashville TN 37217 It's that easy!

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