

GINA 2017 Songwriter Contest

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Welcome to the **2017 GINA Songwriter Contest**, now in its **10th Year!** The **GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation** offers the Contest as a venue for songwriters to have their songs heard by industry professionals and the opportunity to win valuable prizes. The Contest is also a venue to bring visibility to the missing. Each Contestant will be paired with a missing person or persons from their area (*all missing persons will be chosen by the GINA Staff*), turning the spotlight not only on themselves and their music but also on the missing, giving those who have vanished another chance to be FOUND. Helping others through music is a mainstay in the entertainment industry, and this is YOUR chance to be a part of that!

Your song entry (**only songs in an MP3 format will be accepted**) will be combined by our GINA Staff into a video featuring fliers and pictures of a missing person that GINA assigns you from your area. (**Note that Contestant-made videos will NOT be accepted.**) We will then place the video on our **2017 GINA Songwriter Contest YouTube** channel, a link to which can be found at www.411GINA.org on the Contest page. Contestant information, a web link to your musical work, a photo and short bio that you provide will be included in your song video.

The TOP 10 point Earners will be FINALISTS and will be asked to come to Los Angeles to participate in a live performance at **Kulak's Woodshed** in Los Angeles, California on **November 4, 2017***.

** All expenses such as Transportation, food and lodging costs to participate in the Finale in Los Angeles, California are the responsibility of each Finalist.*

TWO WAYS TO ENTER

1. **Online:** Submit your songs directly on the **GINA** web site Contest page (www.411GINA.org/contest.html)
2. **Mail:** Submit your entry (song, form, lyric sheet, photo, bio) on CD/DVD/Flash Drive (these will NOT be returned to you) via U.S. Postal Service to: GINA for Missing Persons * P.O. Box 627 * Anaheim, CA 92815



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CONTEST RULES

(Complete detailed Contest Rules and Terms & Conditions are subject to change)

- Submit your song in any category or style. Songs do NOT have to be about missing people.
- **Use the ONLINE Entry if possible!** Your entry and all supporting materials can be easily uploaded via our online entry form or sent on a CD/DVD/Flash Drive (*CD/DVD/Flash Drives will not be returned*).
- For submissions to be accepted, each entry must include the following items:
 1. **A completed Entry Form (paper or online form)**
 - a. All entries submitted must be original songs and shall not infringe any copyrights or any other rights of any third parties. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but only one name should be designated on the entry form. Entrant shall, by entering, indemnify and hold GINA harmless from and against any claims inconsistent with the foregoing.
 - b. There are no age limits to qualify for entry into the contest except for entrants who are minors in their country. Minors must have the permission of their parent/legal guardian to enter.
 2. **A Clear Recording of Your Song (MP3 only).** (online submittals are limited to 20-MB in size) ** Contestants must perform their own material on their submitted entry/entries**
 3. **Lyric Sheet.** Lyric sheets must be included, be clearly type-written and include ALL lyrics. **** Due to the nature of our Non--Profit and the people we serve, no songs with profanity, violence or inappropriate content will be accepted****
 4. **Photo Image.** Include a clear photo image of contestant or band in a jpeg (.jpg) format file
 5. **Bio.** Consisting of two (2) sentences about you, your work, the song and/or the group. A carefully worded Bio helps make your song interesting to the viewer/listener! *** Document file formats accepted:** Adobe PDF (.pdf), MS Word (.doc), Wordpad (.rtf) or text (.txt).
 6. **Signature.** Paper entries submitted by mail must be signed or will not be accepted. Your signature and/or online entry indicates that you acknowledge and agree with **Contest Rules** and **Terms & Conditions**.

CONTEST FEES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

- **ALL ENTRIES ARE FREE.** *However, if you would care to contribute to the GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation, you may choose from several options on our Donate page.*
- **NEW CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2017**
- **2017 GINA Songwriter Contest YouTube Channel**** - Once entry materials are received, contest team will strive to get your entry song posted within five (5) to seven (7) days.
- **Promote:** Go to www.411Gina.org to find your link to promote YOUR SONG on our YouTube Channel.
- Subscribe to the **2017 GINA Songwriter Contest YouTube Channel**.

**A) YouTube is not a sponsor and is not liable for this contest.

B) All entries must wholly compliant and consistent with and must abide by the following YouTube items:

- a. **Community Guidelines:** www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/communityguidelines.html

- b. [Terms of Service:](http://www.youtube.com/static?gl=US&template=terms) www.youtube.com/static?gl=US&template=terms
- c. [Privacy Policy:](http://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/) www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/

C) You may not pay a third party or parties to manipulate metrics on the YouTube Service, including numbers of views, likes, dislikes, or subscribers such that those metrics fail to reflect genuine user engagement with the YouTube Service. Indications of this will result in the entry being removed from the contest.



CONTEST END DATE

- Entries will be accepted up to and through **OCTOBER 1, 2017** by 11:59 Pacific Standard Time. *Finalists will be notified via email.*
- Votes will be tallied on October 15, 2017 at midnight (12:00 a.m.).
- Winners will be notified within 72 hours of final tally.

Finalists

- **Top Ten(10) Contestants Will Be Determined By YouTube Channel Popular Vote:**
 - 1-point per VIEW (*multiplied by the average view time of all views for your entry to prevent scamming*)
 - 5-points per Vote Thumbs up (requires voter to be logged onto their YouTube account)
 - Voters can vote for more than one song
 - The Top Ten Finalists and the Wild Card Finalist will be invited to perform live at Kulak's Woodshed in Los Angeles, California on November 4, 2017*. In the likelihood a Top Ten Finalist cannot attend, the next most-viewed Entrant will be asked to attend.
 - An industry panel of judges who have been generous with volunteering their time will choose the Top Three Finalists.
- **Wildcard Finalist(s)**
 - Any Contestant could be chosen as a **Wild Card Finalist** based on their amazing song entry. These finalist(s) will be chosen by the GINA Songwriter Contest Team, GINA Board of Directors and/or industry panel of judges.

ViRAGO Award Winner*

All Gina Songwriter Contest Contestants will also be considered for the **ViRAGO Award**. This award goes to the 2017 GINA Artist or Contestant that makes an exemplary effort to go above and beyond to create programs, events, social media and more in gaining attention for missing persons. The **ViRAGO Award** winner does not have to enter the **GINA Songwriter Contest**.

The **ViRAGO Award Winner will be chosen by the GINA Board of Directors.*



PRIZES*:

1st PLACE PRIZE PACKAGE

- **Gretsch G5021WPE Rancher™ Penguin™ Parlor Acoustic/Electric, Fishman® Pickup System, White** - MSRP: \$769 value
- **G6296 Hard Shell Case** - MSRP: \$190 value
- One Song Demo Recording from **Kim Copeland Productions**, Nashville, TN: \$900 value
- Songwriting Consultation with **Harriet Schock**: \$65 value

2nd PLACE PRIZE PACKAGE

- **Gretsch Guitar: G2420 Streamliner™ Hollow Body with Chromatic II Tailpiece, Broad'Tron™ Pickups, Aged Brooklyn Burst** - MSRP: \$619
- **G6241FT Hard Shell Case** - MSRP: \$160
- One Song Recording with **Harmony Studios** In Anaheim, California: \$500 value
- Songwriting Consultation with **Harriet Schock**: \$65 value

3rd PLACE PRIZE PACKAGE

- One Song Recording with **Fuse Recording** in Lincoln, Nebraska: \$500 value
- Songwriting Consultation with **Harriet Schock**: \$65 value

TOP TEN FINALISTS/WILD CARD FINALIST PACKAGE

- A video of your LIVE performance at the **Kulak's Woodshed GINA Songwriter Contest 2016 Finale** in Los Angeles: \$100 value
- Goody Bag from **D'Addario** (2 sets of nickel bronze acoustic guitar strings, one pro-winder string winder, one D'Addario logo pencil, lanyard, and cinch bag): \$75 value
- One album submission and bar code from **CD Baby**: \$69 value

**Check www.411GINA.org for more prizes to be announced*

PREVIOUS FIRST PLACE WINNER HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2009's First Place Songwriter, **Mark Wayne Glasmire's** single, *I Like You* went number one in Europe.
- 2008's First Place Songwriter **Gaby Moreno** won the **Latin Grammy's Best New Artist Award** in 2013.
- 2007's First Place Songwriter, **Kelly Fitzgerald** and **Gaby Moreno** both won the coveted **L.A. Women in Music's Comet Award** in consecutive years.

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SUBMISSION FORM

Name:		
Name of Contestant or Band (if different than Submission Name)		
Address:		
Address 2:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Email:	Phone #:	
Web Site:		
<p>Short Bio: (Two (2) short sentences): Describe your song, your work and <i>what makes you/your song stand out?</i> We will use your words to promote you; choose them carefully – sell yourself!</p>		
SONG TITLE:	Copyright Date:	
Song Style:		
Songwriter(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> This is my original work to which I hold copyright. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a work for which I have written authorization to submit and perform.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an ADULT (over the Age of Majority)	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a MINOR (under the Age of Majority) <i>If you are a minor, please submit a Minor Permission Form with the Entry, signed by your Legal Guardian. NOTE: The form can be found and downloaded by clicking the blue button marked "Minor Permission Form" at the top of the GINA Contest Page.</i>	
<p><i>By submitting your work to the 2017 GINA Songwriter Contest you are acknowledging this is your original work to which you/co-writers hold copyright. Additionally, by your submission you are acknowledging that this is a work for which you have authorization to submit and perform.</i></p>		
Signature:		
Unsigned forms will NOT be accepted. Download more Entry Forms at: www.411GINA.org		