

## DA BAHAMIAN TING SONG COMPETITION

### RULES

1. All citizens of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas are eligible to enter Da Bahamian Ting Song Competition.
2. Entries are to be submitted on the official entry form, available at the Ministry of Tourism. One song entry is permitted per contestant. The entry form is to be signed by the entrant, as the owner of the song.
3. Each entry form must be accompanied by a labelled CD/Digital Audio File containing one (1) song only, three (3) minutes or less in duration, and the typed lyrics.
4. All entries submitted must be original songs belonging to the entrant. The entrant must register their song through the necessary publishing societies (e.g. P.R.S., B.M.I., ASCAP, etc.)
5. Songs must be in a Bahamian genre, ie. Rake and Scrape, Junkanoo or Goombay.
6. The copyright of the song shall at all times remain with the entrant however, the entrant hereby grants to the Ministry of Tourism the unconditional right to use the song in any manner whatsoever including but not limited to various promotions.
7. The Ministry of Tourism reserves the right to reject any or all entries submitted.
8. The Ministry of Tourism reserves the right to choose the judges for the competition, and the method of selection.
9. Finalists will be contacted via telephone. Entrants must agree to accept and be bound by the decisions of the Da Bahamian Ting Song Competition and its judges, which are final and binding in all matters.
10. The entrant hereby grants to the Ministry of Tourism the rights to record, photograph, broadcast, or otherwise publish for promotional purposes any portion of live performances of the entrant of the song.
11. Entrants agree to fully comply with, and be bound by, all terms and conditions imposed by these rules and regulations.
12. The **revised** deadline for submission of entries is 5:00 p.m. **Friday February 17th, 2017**
13. **Entries must be submitted to The Ministry of Tourism, British Colonial Hilton Business Centre, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, #1 Bay Street, Nassau, The Bahamas.**
14. The names of 10 semi-finalists will be released by **Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**. The winner will be determined by public voting, and will be announced on **Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.
15. Prizes:
  - i. 1st-\$25,000
  - ii. 2nd-\$20,000
  - iii. 3rd-\$15,000
  - iv. 4th- \$10,000
  - v. 5th through 10th-\$1,000 each