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EVERGREEN COUNTRY IDOL CONTEST KICKS OFF

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

The Evergreen Green Country Idol Contest is the fourth annual Karaoke Competition held at The Evergreen State Fair. Pre-qualification rounds are beginning now and are held at venues from Tacoma to Arlington and many points in between. Contests are held on various nights of the week.

The semi-finalists will compete on the Family Fun Stage during The Fair, vying for the Grand Prize: cash and a spot on the Grandstand Stage performing at the Phil Vassar and Sara Evans Concert on Thursday, September 1st.

HISTORY:

In the first year it was open to all genres of music, limiting it to Country music in the second year. In 2004, the competition was open again to any style. The response to returning to country was overwhelming *and* with the Thursday night concert theme being, "Cowboy Country Bash", the decision was easy.

Last year, 22,000 contestants sang before judges in the first round, narrowing the semi-final roster to 175 winners. In the final round, which is held the night before their Grandstand performance, approximately 20 singers go for the gold. This year, the Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,000.00 prize money and the opportunity to wow thousands at the "Cowboy Country Bash" featuring Phil Vassar and Sara Evans, on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00pm. Other prizes include: \$500.00 for Second Place; and \$250.00 for Third Place.

CONTACTS:

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