

C. B. Gitty's

International Cigar Box Guitar Video Playoffs - 2022

A worldwide open call for musicians of all ages -- amateur or professional -- solo, duo or group -- to compete for \$1,000 in cash prizes by submitting a video featuring a handmade stringed instrument.

- Anyone **except** previous performers at any of the New Orleans Cigar Box Guitar Festivals or Samantha Fish Cigar Box Guitar Festivals, Top 3 finishers in the two preceding ICBG Video Playoffs, or employees of C. B. Gitty Crafter Supply may enter.
- Each individual, duo or group may submit one video **between 3 and 5 minutes in length**, newly created specifically for this competition. Those submitting solo videos may not also participate as a member of a duo or group, and no one may participate as a member of more than one duo or group.
- Videos must begin with a real-time spoken introduction, stating verbatim:
"I am (We are) _____ NAME from _____ CITY , and I (we) will be performing _____ SONG as my (our) submission to **C. B. Gitty's International CBG Video Playoffs.**"
- The performance must feature at least one handmade stringed instrument. You may *very briefly* describe the instrument(s) if you wish. Songs may be traditional or contemporary, original or cover, instrumental or vocal/instrumental. *Please, no pandemic-related or overtly political songs.*
- Videos must be recorded in an indoor setting with no audible or visible audience. A legible sign, whiteboard, or digital graphic reading **NewOrleansCBG.com** must be visible during most, if not all, of the video.
- Contestants should post their video on YouTube, and send a link to: info@NewOrleansCBG.com Within a week, an email reply containing a *Participation Certificate* will officially acknowledge registration of the entry.
- The deadline for submissions is 11:59pm CST, **November 30, 2022.**
- A panel of unbiased music business professionals will select the **Top 10** videos **based on overall appeal**. On January 19th at the New Orleans Cigar Box Guitar Festival, the audience will view the Top 10 and cast votes for their favorites to determine the **1st**, **2nd**, and **3rd Place** winners. Those winners will be announced on **Saturday, January 21** at the festival, and later on the festival website (www.NewOrleansCBG.com).
- The **1st Place** winner will receive \$500 + bonus prizes. **2nd Place** = \$300 + bonus prizes. **3rd Place** = \$200 + bonus prizes. Remaining **Top 10** contestants will receive a *Finalist Certificate* and full bragging rights.

Thanks!