

## C. B. Gitty's

### 4<sup>th</sup> annual *International Cigar Box Guitar Video Playoffs 2023*

*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 at least one 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 three 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 year's 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 overtly political songs.*
- Videos must be recorded in landscape orientation 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](mailto: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, **December 31, 2023.**
- A panel of unbiased music business professionals will select the **Top 10** videos **based on overall appeal**. On January 18<sup>th</sup> at the **New Orleans Cigar Box Guitar Festival**, the audience will view the Top 10 and cast votes for their favorites to determine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place entries. Those winners will be announced on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> during the *Saturday Night Shindig*, and later on the festival website ( [www.NewOrleansCBG.com](http://www.NewOrleansCBG.com) ).
- The **1<sup>st</sup> Place** winner will receive \$500 + bonus prizes. **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** = \$300 + bonus prizes. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** = \$200 + bonus prizes. Remaining **Top 10** contestants will receive a *Finalist Certificate* and full bragging rights.

**Thanks!**