

C. B. Gitty's

5th annual *International Cigar Box Guitar Video Playoffs 2024*

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 four 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 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, 2024.**
- A panel of unbiased music business professionals will select the **Top 10** videos **based on overall appeal**. On January 16th 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 entries. Those winners will be announced on Saturday, January 18th during the *Saturday Night Shindig*, and later on the festival website (www.NewOrleansCBG.com).
- The **1st Place** winner will receive \$500. **2nd Place** = \$300. **3rd Place** = \$200. Remaining **Top 10** contestants will receive a *Finalist Certificate* and full bragging rights.

Thanks!