



**GIDEON**  
MEDIA ARTS CONFERENCE  
AND FILM FESTIVAL

## 2011 Music Artist Talent Search & Songwriter Competition

### Official Rules and Guidelines

1. Entries must be made on the official entry form ([here](#)) along with payment of either (a) \$35 Early Bird Fee before March 31, 2011 or (b) \$50 Regular Fee before May 15, 2011 or (c) \$65 Late Fee before June 30, 2011. No Refunds Allowed. Entries in the Artist category will be evaluated by a panel of industry professionals for vocal ability, blend, and overall quality of the performance that is heard on the song submitted. Songwriters will have their compositions evaluated for lyrics, melody, hook and other components of the song submitted. Ten Artist and Five Songwriter finalists will be chosen from all entries. Finalists who will compete for the Grand Prize will be posted July 10, 2011 on Gideon's official website and at [www.lamonrecords.com](http://www.lamonrecords.com)

**Minimum Age:** You must be 15 years old to participate. Parental consent required for minors under 18.

2. Ten Finalists in the Artist Category will perform in front of a live audience on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at the Gideon Media Arts Conference and Film Festival in Ridgecrest, NC. A panel of industry professionals will judge the live performances of each of the ten finalists and ONE winner will be selected to receive the Grand Prize. Finalists in the Songwriter Category will have their songs posted on a special secure website available to all Gideon festival participants during the conference asking them to vote for their favorite song. ONE winner will be announced at the banquet on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.
3. All federal, state and local taxes, if applicable are the responsibility of the winners. All federal, state and local laws and regulations will apply.
4. By participating in this contest, entrants agree to abide by the Official Rules and decisions of the judges.
5. Artists that are currently obligated to a record label are not eligible to compete. Songwriters signed with a Publisher are not eligible to compete.
6. Winners will release Sponsors from any liability claims for product, failure of performance and/or inability to use a prize.
7. Finalists in the Artist Category will need to be able to compete in Ridgecrest, NC on August 7, 2011. Artists hereby grant their permission for the Sponsors to film and broadcast their live performance. All travel, room and board, and the costs of conference registration (one day minimum) are the sole responsibility of the Finalists. Songwriters and Artists are encouraged to attend the banquet on Tuesday for the award ceremony. (See [www.gideonfilmfestival.com](http://www.gideonfilmfestival.com) for more information on the program, workshops, networking opportunities and more offered to attendees of the full conference.)
8. **GRAND PRIZE WINNERS:** Artist Winner will be offered a recording contract with Lamon Records that includes a 4-song EP produced in Nashville by Dave Moody. Recording must be completed within 4 months of winning the competition. Songwriter Winner will be offered a publishing contract with one of Moody Music Group's BMI, ASCAP or SECAC affiliated publishing companies. The winning song will be recorded by the winner of the Artist Grand Prize \*or another Lamon Records release, as appropriate.
9. No substitutions or transfer of prizes are permitted.
10. Acceptance of prize(s) constitutes permission of all sponsors and any agents the ability to use the winner's name and/or likeness for use in advertising.
11. Simply follow the instructions on this entry form to win the prize offered here. Every entrant will be eligible for the prize. Void where prohibited by law.