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"Singer/Songwriter Competition In Downtown Vacaville"

The Downtown Vacaville Business Improvement District is hosting their first ever "Singer-Songwriter" competition starting on Tuesday January 12. The contest will rotate each week between several locations in Historic Downtown Vacaville. It all starts January 12 at Los Reyes Restaurant and then moves to WineStyles the following week. It then rotates to Mary Cornelison's Gas Light Theater on Main Street. This is an eight-week competition with the finals taking place on Tuesday March 2. The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize and will be the opening act for "Ladies Night," which takes place on Wednesday, March 10.

The purpose of this event is to have some fun in the winter months Downtown and to discover hidden talents amongst our friends and neighbors. Sign-ups begin each week at 6 p.m. and end 6:45 p.m. at that evening's location with a maximum of 20 performers each night. Starting promptly at 7 pm the host for that evening (an established singer/songwriter - our first week's host is Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Tamra Engle) will kick things off with three or four songs of their own. Then it is time for the contestants to come on up and sing their original song for that evening. Contestants that do not win can come back and sign up on one of the other nights if they so choose. There is a \$5 entry fee and the winner of that night receives a cash prize based on the number of entrants. Judging based on originality, presentation and performance. Contestants should bring at least three copies of their song on the night they perform.

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The event features single acts, duos or trios. Guitars are most welcome and a piano is available at two of the locations. No bands or drum sets allowed due to space constraints. There will be a sound system available each night with limited input capabilities (microphones will be provided but performers may bring their own if they chose).

Contest night locations:

- Jan. 12 - Los Reyes Restaurant
- Jan. 19 - WineStyles (piano available)
- Jan. 26 - Mary Cornelison's (piano available)
- Feb. 2 - Los Reyes
- Feb. 9 - WineStyles (piano available)
- Feb. 16 - Mary Cornelison's (piano available)
- Feb. 23 - WineStyles (piano available)
- March 2 Finals - Los Reyes

Los Reyes y Cantina Restaurant and WineStyles are located at Town Square, and Mary Cornelison's is at 344 Main St.

For more information contact the Downtown office at (707) 451-2100 or visit the Downtown web site at www.downtownvacaville.com.

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