

CENTRAL TEXAS *song*SLAM RULES:

Each team will comprise two or three people: a pianist, a singer, and a composer who may or may not be one of the performers. Teams will present a new song of no more than 5 minutes for voice and piano, in any language, for the voting audience. The audience, in the poetry slam tradition, will then vote on their favorites and award \$2,000 in prize money. The Central Texas *song*SLAM will take place on **February 9, 2024 at 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church Waco, TX. 1100 Austin Avenue, Waco, TX.**

Please note that registration historically fills up in under 30 minutes – be ready to sign up just as it opens!

Competition Rules:

1) Registration is \$20 and opens on **Friday, November 17 at 6 pm CDT**. Registration is on a **first-come, first-served** basis. There is **NO** age limit.

2) There will be up to 3 additional ‘alternate’ slots in the event of cancellations. Teams who do not successfully register in time to at least be an alternate will have their money refunded. While those on the alternate list will not have their fee refunded, they will have the choice to either stay on the list or be taken off, in which case their fee will also be refunded.

3) Original compositions presented at the 2024 Central Texas *song*SLAM must:

- Be composed for voice and piano
- Feature texts that are in the public domain or have written and signed permission from the author/trust
- Receive their world premiere at our event

4) Songs should be approximately 5 minutes in length or fewer.

5) A composer can only submit **ONE** song for the event. Performers can only perform in **ONE** song for the event. However, the composer **may** also be a performer. Teams may also include a poet.

6) Texts may be in any language. Be advised that if your registration is successful, and if your text will not be in the public domain on or before February 1, 2024, you will need to obtain permission from your poet, or from the trust of the poet if deceased. You must receive this permission and share it with Lone Star Song before January 1, 2024. Your poet may also be a part of your team if you wish.

7) There is no age limit for those who wish to apply.

8) Prize money is as follows: \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second place, and \$400 for third place. These prizes will be awarded by the audience at the live event.

9) Composers must be present during the live performance.

Teams are encouraged to invite their friends and share the event as widely as possible, as all prizes will be awarded by audience vote.