



CAN YOU **SING?**

Submission Guidelines

First-Year Student Open Invitation to
Participate in the 2021 Rector's Concert

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MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entries are open to all first-year students across all three UFS campuses.
- You must be a registered first-year student at the University of the Free State.
- You can enter as a singing group or solo singing item.
- In the case of group submissions, all group members must be registered first-year students at the University of the Free State.
- Group submissions are limited to six (6) members per group.

MUSIC GENRES

You can sing any song of your choice from the following genres:

- Contemporary Jazz/ R&B
- Soul
- Pop / Popular Music

NB: The song used to audition should be the same song you will sing at the concert.

ENTRY FORMAT

- Entries must be submitted in video format.
- The video should not exceed 90 seconds (1,5 minutes).
- The video should be in MP4 format.
- Cellphone videos are allowed.
- The video should not be modified or edited.
- Submit one entry per person or group.
- If you are submitting as a group, only one representative in the group is required to complete the online form and provide other group members' details.
- For solo items, the video performance should consist of a single voice (no background singers) with a single instrument accompaniment or a cappella only.
- For group items, the video performance should consist of voices with a single instrument accompaniment or a cappella only.
- Video performances featuring band backing, studio programming, voice correction and enhancing will not be considered, as we are looking for authentic singing and performing.
- The use of backtracks will only be allowed at the virtual presentations.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- All submissions should be made using the online platform – no email submissions will be allowed.
- Entries can be submitted at <https://www.ufs.ac.za/canyousing>
- If you encounter any problems with the online platform, please contact **Lucy Sehlolo** from the Arts and Culture Office at arts_culture@ufs.ac.za.
- The purpose of the online entry is to identify performers who are suitable for the concert.
- The concert will serve as a platform for high-ability singers to showcase their musical talents.
- Selected singers will perform the song used in the video presentation.
- You will not be allowed to change your song.

- If you are selected after the virtual presentation stage, you will be invited to perform in-person in Bloemfontein. All COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

IMPORTANT DATES

Phase 1: Online video submission

- Closing date for submissions: **Friday 23 July 2021 at 12:00.**

Phase 2: Pre-selection

Virtual presentations for selected performers

- Date: 27-30 July 2021
- Invitations and links to be provided to selected performers.

Phase 3: Announcement of final selected singers by **6 August 2021.**

For more information contact the Arts and Culture Office:

arts_culture@ufs.ac.za.

Good Luck. Have Fun.

DISCLAIMER

- By filling in and submitting this form, you hereby agree that the Arts and Culture Office may collect, use, and disclose the personal data that you provide in this form for the purpose of events and related activities organised or co-organised by the University of the Free State.
- You also consent to the disclosure of your personal data to the University of the Free State partners/affiliates and other third-party service providers that the University of the Free State may engage from time to time.
- If you provide someone else's personal data or submit this form on behalf of someone else, you hereby declare that you have obtained consent from the said individual(s) in this form for the collection, use, and disclosure of his/her personal data to the University of the Free State, the University of the Free State business partners, and other third-party service providers.
- The University of the Free State has the right not to use your submission should we find that any information provided by you is false or misleading.
- By making a submission, you will be placed on our singer database and may be contacted about future UFS and Arts and Culture Office events.
- You agree to put maximum effort in rehearsing before the presentations and to prepare your act to the highest possible standard, allowing you to perform in front of new audiences and/or industry guests, as well as current supporters of your act.
- If you are under the age of 18, you must obtain permission from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before submitting your video.
- To this effect, you grant the University of the Free State the right to film your act and, with your permission (or parent/guardian permission), to publish the footage on university media platforms, without payment to you.
- The concert date and/or time are subject to change in order to align with the current COVID-19 protocols and safety requirements.
- These T&Cs may change at any time.