

For the Love of Jazz announces a Vocal Jazz Competition

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For the Love of Jazz announces a vocal jazz competition to provide an opportunity of young jazz vocalists to identify and promote young talent throughout the western region! The competition is open to any amateur vocalist who hasn't established a career, regularly performing, or making a living as a jazz vocalist.

Applicants must send in an application form and CD by September 12 to be considered for the \$500 prize, a coaching session by Michele Weir and the possibility of performing on the For the Love of Jazz Member Concert on October 12 at 2 p.m. at the Sands Regency.

Michele is currently a faculty member at U.C.L.A. and an internationally respected jazz educator, arranger and vocalist. Recent performance and presentations include the World Choral Symposium, the A.C.D.A National Conference and the I.A.J.E Convention. A former member of Grammy-nominated "Phil Mattson and the p.m. Singers," Michele has also toured internationally as a pianist and worked with various artists such as Bobby Vinton. Michele's arrangements are widely published (including those from her own company, MichMusic) and have been performed by a variety of ensembles including Chanticleer, New York Voices, Beachfront Property, Voice Trek, M-Pact, and the Buffalo, Cincinnati and Pacific Symphonies. Compositions have been featured on the Shari Lewis television show, and in 1998, Michele served as music supervisor for the foreign language dubs of the Dreamworks film, "Prince of Egypt," in six countries.

For complete information, rules and application form please visit www.reno-jazz.org or contact CJ Walters at cjc@unr.edu or 775-784-4895.

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