

LAST LAUGH Standup Comedy Competition 2019 RULES *hosted by Elm Street Cultural Arts Village*

1. To participate in the LAST LAUGH Standup Comedy Competition one must first apply online at elmstreetarts.org/lastlaugh beginning on November 14th, 2018. Applicants must have a prepared solo or group stand-up comedy routine. All applicants must be 18 or older to enter as a solo act. Applicants who are under the age of 18 may only compete in a comedy group, but must be approved by Elm Street Cultural Arts Village by submitting a request to siobhan@elmstreetarts.org. Comedy groups should not exceed 5 members. Deadline for application submissions are January 4th, 2019.
2. All comedy material must be PG-13. PG-13 rated material does NOT include: vulgar language and repeated profanity, violent situations and descriptions, inappropriate sexual situations or descriptions, nudity, inappropriate racism, ridicule of the disabled. If unsure about your material being PG-13 appropriate, please contact us at siobhan@elmstreetarts.org. Failure to comply with our PG-13 rating will result in immediate dismissal from the LAST LAUGH! Competition.
3. Applicants must submit a 1-2 minute clip of their comedy material. Submitted video material does not need to contain the applicant's competition material but it must be PG-13 and reflect their comedic style. Material must be original and submitted video clips will be used by Elm Street in promotion for LAST LAUGH and in the online portion of the competition. By submitting a video, the applicant has agreed to allow both iThink and Elm Street to post the video clip on elmstreetarts.org and on Facebook. The use of unoriginal material and plagiarism will result in the applicant's immediate disqualification from the LAST LAUGH Competition.
4. Applicants must specify what they need for their performance in their submitted application. Set and tech equipment available to performers are as follows: two hand-held wireless microphones with microphone stands, choral mics, CD player, two tall stools, two short stools, four chairs, and a podium. Any other equipment requests must be approved and submitted to siobhan@elmstreetarts.org.
5. There will be a mandatory sound check & stage rehearsal on January 5th, 2019 beginning at 5:00pm on the Elm Street Cultural Arts Village main stage. Performing applicants will have access to one or two hand-held wireless microphones or the use of choral mics during the performances. Performers will also have access to a CD player or a 1/8 inch mp3 jack through the sound system if needed. Performers who do not attend the rehearsal will not receive additional time for setup for the performance.
6. LAST LAUGH show will be held on January 5th, 2019 beginning at 7:30pm on the Elm Street Cultural Arts Village main stage. Applicant show material must be no more than 7-10 minutes. Call time for applicants is no later than 6:30pm. Judges chosen for the finale will be non-affiliated with Elm Street staff, volunteers, and board members, but be respected figures in the artistic and comedic communities. Finalists will be judged on Material, Stage Presence, Delivery & Technique, and Audience Response & Rapport. There will be two prizes given out at the end of the event: First Place and Fan Favorite.
7. Prizes will be given out to selected winners in the finale. First Place prize will be chosen by judges. Fan Favorite will be chosen through audience support and votes. First Place prize--\$100 & Fan Favorite--\$100 and ONE participant cannot win both prizes. All finale participants will receive tickets to an upcoming Elm Street show.