

Submissions are open for the 25th annual NewSong Music Competition, presented by Citizen Vinyl

Enter your original songs for a chance to record a fully-funded six-song EP

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NewSong Music is accepting original song entries for its 2026 Performance and Songwriting Competition. The program's curated showcases have been a fixture in the national music scene since 2001. The competition finals, formerly staged in New York City at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, relocated to Asheville, N.C. in 2017.

The final deadline for submissions is Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST.

All 2026 entrants are eligible to receive a 5% discount on their vinyl pressing projects at Citizen Vinyl, one of North America's highest quality vinyl pressing facilities.

Eight finalists, selected from advance online submissions from across North America and beyond, will bring their musical magic to Asheville where they will perform, compete, and connect with one another. A panel of music industry judges will select one grand prize winner to receive a fully funded six-song EP, plus 300 vinyl records of the grand prize project pressed at Citizen



Crys Matthews, 2017 NewSong Music Grand Prize Winner



2021 NewSong Competition Finalists at Citizen Vinyl

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Past NewSong winners include Crys Matthews (Nashville, TN), Jobi Riccio (Nashville, TN), AC Sapphire (Portland, OR), and Slow Runner (Saluda, NC). The 2025 Grand Prize Winner was Susan Anderson (Asheville, NC)

To submit original music, visit newsong-music.com/contest. This year's eight finalists are scheduled to be announced on Facebook, Instagram, our website blog, and newsletter on Friday, September 11, 2026.



2019 NewSong Competition Grand Prize Winner Jobi Riccio

The 2026 NewSong Music Performance & Songwriting Competition finale will take place in Asheville, NC, at The Grey Eagle on Sunday, October 25.

For press inquiries, high res images, and additional information, contact Alli Marshall, alli@newsong-music.com.

About NewSong Music

NewSong Music is an independent artist development organization and independent record label with this two-fold mission: To build a supportive community of performers and songwriters across all genres of music and levels of skill; and to identify the truly exceptional artists within this community and to work closely with them to develop their careers and introduce their music to a broader, international audience. Learn more at newsong-music.com.

About Citizen Vinyl

Citizen Vinyl is a North Carolina-based and award-winning vinyl record pressing plant dedicated to high-quality manufacturing, innovation, and artist-focused service. Known for its patented vinylkey® technology, Citizen Vinyl is redefining the relationship between analog media and digital engagement. CitizenVinyl.com.

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