



COMPETITION ENTRY GUIDELINES AND TERMS

The Ode to the Ocean song writing competition is organised by the Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival in Australia. The Competition is open to all ages and entrants to submit an original song that has an ocean theme.

There are two categories for entrants – a youth category for Under 18's and an open category. Entrants can be professional or amateur songwriters and musicians and be individuals or groups.

GUIDELINES

- Original songs should not previously have major gained commercial coverage.
- You can enter as many songs as you like, as long as they have an ocean theme.
- Under 18's intending to perform if they win should send a letter of authority from a parent, teacher or guardian.
- Songs can be from an individual, co-writers or a band or ensemble with each writer to be identified.
- Entrants/songwriters retain all their rights
- Entrants agree to allow the Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival to use any finalist and winning songs for promotional purposes only on our own website, social media channels and in a winner media announcement.
- Entrants further agree if their song is a winner it will be broadcast on Bondi Beach Radio with no fee attached for the announcement and shared with other stations for the publicity period. Festival organisers may request new recordings if necessary.

- Songs will be judged on the merits of the song not the quality of the recording, however you should endeavour to send the best quality recording you can for judging along with lyrics. Australian singer songwriter Kate Ceberano will be judging the finalists.
- Winners will be notified in advance of the Festival and invited to perform their song (optional) on the Closing Sunday afternoon of the Festival March 13, 2022. The Festival has stage backline equipment and a mixing desk and a supporting band or we can play your recording. Prizes can be presented at the Festival or delivered to winners.

ENTRY DETAILS

- Provide a short bio on the songwriter/writers or group (500 words or less)
- Contact details including phone and email, plus indicate where you live
- A quality jpg image of the entrant/entrants
- Song Title
- An Mp3 file of the song recording (lyrics optional)
- Written permission for Under 18 year-old entries to perform
- Submit entry by closing date of February 20, 2022 via email to hello@oceanloversfestival.com with a subject line indicating Ode to the Ocean Entry

JUDGING

Judges reserve the rights to award one or more winners or none if a category is not filled.



Volvo Ocean Lovers is a festival of Ideas, Art+Music and Actions bringing hope for the ocean, staged at Bondi Beach. It is a place to come and 'Sea Change' from March 11 to 13, 2022. The laid back and accessible theme of 'science in your swimmers' delivers some serious ocean stuff surrounded by a festive program of art, installations, music, workshops, eco markets and activities like sunrise yoga and an Ocean Lovers Lap swim.