

STAGE POLICY FOR LCGMA

As of June 20, 2022

1. **YOU'RE HERE TO SING.** Our audience is made up of several different denominations that does not agree on doctrinal issues. Therefore, **WE DO NOT ALLOW ANY TYPE OF PREACHING AT ALL.** On our stage, we ask that you please minister the Gospel only through song, testify, and witness between your songs. However, **OFF STAGE** please feel free to personally witness and minister to anyone you like and invite them to your church to hear you preach. Some of our audience comes to a singing cause they aren't getting preached at or is not pressured. Over time those same people will feel comfortable going to church of their choice.
2. **CLEAN JOKES.** This is a Christian organization. Therefore, we ask comedians to keep their jokes clean (no bedroom jokes, uncovered body jokes, vulgar, dirty, or racist jokes).
3. **STAGE APPEARANCE.** We ask that during your stage performance that you dress in a more professional manner that is **RESPECTFUL** to all denominations this includes but not limited to pastel hair color such as pink, blue, green and red or any unnatural hair color. These rules **ONLY APPLY WHILE YOU'RE PERFORMING ON STAGE** per by-laws under conduct. They do not apply when you're off stage. When you're not on stage, please feel free to dress in the manner you're accustomed to at all other public functions. However, you must follow any dress code or any rules that a facility requires that we are singing at that time. **REMEMBER THESE RULES APPLY DURING YOUR STAGE PERFORMANCE ONLY, AND DO NOT APPLY WHEN YOU'RE NOT ON THE STAGE.**
4. **KEEP IT INSPIRATIONAL** We offer only southern gospel, traditional gospel, country gospel, bluegrass gospel music, church hymns, choir music, church praise and worship music also anything that is inspirational.. Therefore, we ask that you not sing any kind of secular music (Country, Folk, Pop, Rock, or Rap music) or contemporary music on our stage. If your skit, play, computer slide show has this in it, then you must delete it from your program. But holiday and patriotic songs that are universal are allowed. Experience has shown several denominations are highly offended in singing groups mixing Christian and secular music together and some are offended by contemporary music.
5. **TIME LIMITS** We offer a time period to sing on stage so every singer can have the same opportunity to have the same amount of time. **PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS.** If you go longer than your time, that will take away from someone else's time. If the same singer abuses this more than twice in a row that will go to the board of directors so they can come up with a solution.