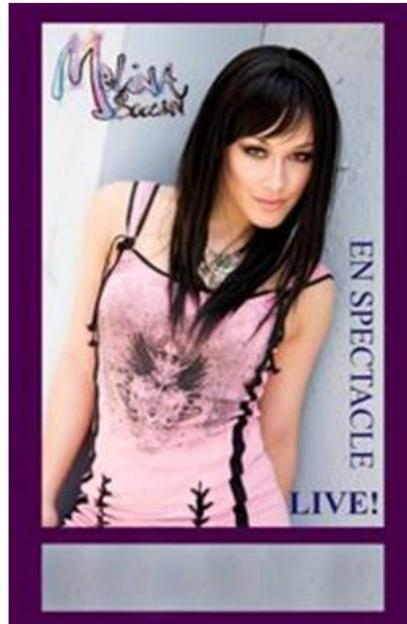


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[Acoustic Nights Searches for Montreal's Teen Songwriting Idol 2011](#)

Acoustic Nights Montreal is looking to inspire the next young generation of singer-songwriters! ANM will be hosting the 2011 Teen Songwriting Competition on **Saturday June 25th, 2-4pm**, at the Center for Education and Theatre in Montreal (**2205 Parthenais**). ANM is calling all young singer-songwriters between the ages of 13 to 17, English or French, who write their own music, to apply for this contest for the chance to win great prizes! Only online applications are accepted before the deadline Jun 3rd at the website www.acousticnightsmontreal.com/competition. "This contest is more than your average talent show. We believe in encouraging the creative side," proudly states ANM founder Melina Soochan, a local indie pop singer-songwriter herself. True to the ANM mission statement; this bilingual event is intended to encourage local young artists to pursue their dreams in music, by providing a quality platform of expression. But forget about the artistic merit! The contest also brags some pretty impressive prizes, including a free music video, an 8h recording session, a professional photo shoot, and the opening spot for a major artist on an elite Montreal stage. "But who decides what is a good song? Isn't this a matter of opinion, personal preference?" Absolutely! Which is why this needs people who know what they're talking about. The entire event, from the organizers to the judges, is run by volunteer bona fide singer-songwriters, all whom have made their mark in the city and have paid their dues when moving up the ranks. Artists judged by artists, based on musical and professional merit. Competitors will be judged on song structure, lyrics, performance and stage presence. And yes, different is good. Acoustic Nights Montreal has been slowly growing in popularity in the Montreal indie music scene, by organizing a series of bi-monthly showcases featuring new artists each time. Hosted by Melina Soochan, each show discovers new talent and helps local artists expand their fan bases. The 9th edition, set for late July, will feature the 2011 Best Teen Songwriter of the Year, backed by a full band provided by ANM.



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