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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Attention unsigned musicians! Sonic Drive-Ins Search 4 Stars With Talent  
(Benefiting Local Non-Profit Soles4Souls)**

Sonic Drive-Ins will serve up summer sizzle with the "Search 4 A Star" musical talent contest. All ages are invited to take part in this summer's fourth consecutive "**Sonic Search 4 a Star.**" The winners in five separate age categories will each receive \$1,000 cash and a professionally produced recording session at Nashville's Fireside Studios.

The contest will feature performers from five categories (Children: 5-9 years old, Youth: 10-13 years old, Teens: 14-18 years old, Adults: 19-49 years old, and Mature: 50 years and older). Genres include Blues, Country, R&B, Gospel, Rock & Roll, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Contemporary Christian.

The deadline is approaching, so be sure to pick up your applications at any Williamson County "Hometown" Sonic Drive-In or from the official "Sonic Search for a Star" website: [www.sonicsearch4astar.com](http://www.sonicsearch4astar.com). This year, the applicants have a choice of paying the entry fee (**a \$10 donation to Soles 4 Souls**) by check or online with a credit card. To register, you must mail the application along with a CD with one or two recorded samples (original songs or cover versions), a photograph and a brief bio **before July 23, 2007** to:

"Sonic Search 4 a Star" benefiting Soles4Souls  
2900 Lebanon Road, Suite #210  
Nashville, TN 37214

Materials will not be returned. Therefore, do not send original or master recordings. Color copies of photographs will be accepted, but will not be returned.

The selection committee will review all entries received by the deadline. No late applications will be accepted without prior notice. Performers will be selected based on talent, performance quality, stage presence, uniqueness and style. Contestants will be notified by July 26, 2007.

This year, the contest will be hosted by NewsChannel 5 Morning Show Anchor-Reporter, **Steve Hayslip** and will be judged by a panel of celebrity judges, including country music singer/songwriter **Deborah Allen**, singer/actress and entertainer **Rebecca Holden**, and **Chris Sanders** from the Tennessee Titans.

"Sonic Search 4 a Star" was created four years ago by **Sonic Drive-In's Chuck Sugg** as a local contest and within a couple of years, artists of all ages and styles were coming from all over the country to participate in the most popular talent competition in Middle Tennessee. Several winners have climbed their way after winning the contest. Franklin's own Taylor Ware, the first youth champion in 2004, was a finalist in the popular TV show, *America's Got Talent*. Aaron Kelly, 2005's youth winner from Pennsylvania, now performs all over the country with the likes of Charlie Daniels, Montgomery Gentry and other popular artists.

This year, the 2007 Sonic Search 4 a Star will benefit Soles4Souls™ Inc. "We are excited to be a part of Sonic Search 4 a Star," said **Wayne Elsey, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls**. "We want to thank Sonic for generously including our charity in this exciting talent contest."



The competition rounds will take part the week of **July 30 – Aug. 2** at various Sonic Drive-In locations within **Williamson and Davidson Counties**:

**First Round:**

**Monday, July 30, 2007, 6:00 PM**

Brentwood Sonic Drive-In  
1618 Franklin Rd, Brentwood, TN 37027  
615-661-5516

**Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 6:00 PM**

East Franklin Sonic Drive-In  
1505 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37067  
615-595-9666

**Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 6:00 PM**

Bellevue Sonic Drive-In  
7679 Highway 70 South, Nashville, TN 37221  
615-673-2921

**Semi-Final Round:**

**Thursday, August 2, 2007, 6:00 PM**

Centennial Sonic Drive-In  
4101 Mallory Lane, Franklin, TN 37067  
615-591-9711

The final round of competitions will be held **Friday, August 3, 2007 at 7:00p.m.** at the Williamson County Fair in the Ag Expo Center, Presented by Tractor Supply.

To find additional details, visit the official website at: [www.sonicsearch4astar.com](http://www.sonicsearch4astar.com).

**ABOUT SOLES4SOULS**

Nashville-based Soles4Souls™ facilitates the donations of shoes, which will be used to aid the hurting worldwide. As part of their Million Pair March campaign, Soles4Souls will ship shoes to the Sudan, a notoriously poverty- and war-stricken area of the world. The Million Pair March has already been endorsed by some of Hollywood's finest, including **Don Cheadle, Jessica Alba, Melissa Rivers, and Scarlett Johansson**, who graciously had Reebok donate 2,000 pairs of shoes in her name to the cause. Shoe companies, retailers, and individuals can donate footwear (both new and used). Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS; donating parties are eligible for tax advantages. For more information about the Million Pair March or Soles4Souls, please Call (866) 521-SHOE or visit [www.giveshoes.org](http://www.giveshoes.org) or [www.soles4souls.org](http://www.soles4souls.org).

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