

7. A **stage plot** will be required for any performances utilizing more than one musician and should be received by WWALS **no later than Saturday, August 14, 2021**, which is one week before the Contest.
8. Finalists agree to perform their song at **the Songwriting Contest, which begins at 7PM on Saturday, August 21, 2021**, at the Turner Center Art Park, 605 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia, 31601, just north of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.
 - a. The Committee reserves the right to change the precise start and end time of the Contest.
 - b. Finalists must arrive at the venue by two hours before the contest start time for sound check.**
 - c. Upon request, WWALS will pay mileage at the usual WWALS rate for finalists from 50 up to 125 miles from the venue.
9. **Criteria the judges will use for selecting winners** from the finalists include:
 - a. 5 pts. Integrity, historical value, and/or present value of the waters
 - b. 5 pts. Originality of lyrics
 - c. 5 pts. Originality of music
 - d. 5 pts. Performance
 - e. + Extra credit for:
 - i. 3 pts. Naming the most rivers (springs, etc.) in a way that shows their value (even just listing them counts).
 - ii. 3 pts. Storytelling: creating a narrative regarding the history and/or attributes of the Suwannee River Basin.