

## **Stockton Opens Contest to Write Pep Song For Title-Winning Ospreys Teams**

Winning Songwriter to Receive Mentoring from Composer/Musician  
Ed Vezinho and Songwriter/Producer Fred Jerkins

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**Galloway, N.J.** - The Ospreys, Stockton University's NCAA Division III athletic teams, have won numerous conference and regional titles, and they've done it without a pep song to cheer them on. That's about to change.

The university has initiated a public song-writing contest to create a Pep Song no longer than 60 seconds, with fun, easy-to-remember words and an upbeat melody. The song must include a reference to the Ospreys and be applicable to all Stockton sports.

"Stockton's sports teams are a great source of pride and having our own Pep Song will be another way for fans to display their Osprey spirit," said Lynne Kesselman, Stockton's first lady, who is chairing the university's Pep Song committee.

Three finalists will receive the opportunity for complimentary consultation time to fine-tune their songs with world-renowned composer and arranger [Ed Vezinho](#), most known for his work with Aretha Franklin, Mel Torme, the Temptations and the Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band, Stockton's jazz orchestra-in-residence.

After the mentoring process, the winner of the contest will be chosen by songwriter and producer, [Fred Jerkins III](#), most known for his work with Whitney Houston, Destiny's Child, Michael Jackson and Beyonce.

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The Pep Song will debut on [University Weekend](#), October 2016, to be played by Stockton's new Pep Band. Attendance by the winning composer is requested but not required.

Entries must be submitted in MP3 format and include written lyrics and melody notation.

**To Submit:**

1. Download, fill out and sign the [contribution agreement](#).
2. If submitting a joint entry, all entrants must submit their own contribution agreement.
3. Email song entry in MP3 format and the signed contribution agreement to [pepsong@stockton.edu](mailto:pepsong@stockton.edu).

For more information, please contact the Pep Song committee at [pepsong@stockton.edu](mailto:pepsong@stockton.edu) or visit the [Pep Song website](#).

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