



**TEXACO COUNTRY SHOWDOWN NEWS
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**NORA COLLINS WINS
TEXACO COUNTRY SHOWDOWN
WISCONSIN STATE FINAL**

Nashville, Tennessee (August 5, 11) – Surpassing the competition at the **30th Annual Texaco Country Showdown Wisconsin State Final**, **Nora Collins** proved worthy of the state title and \$1,000. On August 4, the **Wisconsin State Fair** showcased acts which had won a local contest sponsored by radio stations throughout the state enabling each to perform at the state level competition of America’s largest country music talent search.

Nora Collins, representing radio station **WMIL** of Milwaukee, won the state level event. This 17 year-old singer/songwriter performs well beyond her years. At the state competition she won over the crowd and judges with her original lyrics and country vocals. Learn more about this emerging artist by visiting, www.noracollins.com .

Other sponsoring radio stations were: WCUB Manitowoc; KIAI Mason City, IA; WQCC Onalaska; and WSRG Sturgeon Bay.

On November 5, 2011 **Nora Collins** will compete in the Midwest Regional Final at the Menominee Casino in Keshena, WI to determine if she will advance to the National Final. Regional Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Nashville to compete for **\$100,000** and the coveted title, “**Best New Act in Country Music.**”

About the Showdown: Annually, over 450 radio stations across the country sponsor local contests. Winners advance to their state events where prizes include **\$1,000** and the opportunity to compete in one of five Regional events. The five Regional winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to the **National Final** in Nashville to compete for **\$100,000** and the coveted title, “**Best New Act in Country Music.**”

Each year, more than 50,000 artists compete throughout the U.S. Past local, state, and Regional winners include: **Martina McBride, Garth Brooks, Miranda Lambert, Neal McCoy, Sara Evans, Brad Paisley and Billy Ray Cyrus.** Visit www.texacocountryshowdown.com for more information.



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