
Zeitgeist Contest: We have our Draw Winner!

Posted by Eye - 2007/11/25 02:59

I posted this last night on the Act IV myspace (<http://www.myspace.com/act4music>) as an opportunity to encourage fan participation again and give people a chance to get a copy of the Zeitgeist re-issue that would not be able to normally get their hands on it since its only available in the US and only at Best Buy. And as always, I don't expect everyone to like the idea. This will not turn into another fan CD, it's just for fun:

With the recent special re-issue of the Pumpkins latest album, Zeitgeist in the U.S, I thought it might be interesting to hear fans covers of songs off the album. Since the Zeitgeist (album of the year edition) is only available in the U.S. and only at Best Buy, I have decided to make a copy of the album available for a very special draw!

Here's the deal:

-Submit your own cover of a song off Zeitgeist to be featured on the Act IV myspace. This can includes both the standard album tracks and any of the bonus tracks that were available on any of the versions of the album (eg. "Stellar", "Ma Belle", "Death from Above" and "Zeitgeist")

-You will get one entry into the draw for submitting your cover to be featured on the Act IV myspace but you will receive additional entries into the draw if you help us with promotions and things like that

Additional entries into the draw include:

-Adding one of the covers up on the Act IV myspace that are from our recent fan tribute/charity compilation, Ghost Children 2/Friends and Enemies on to your myspace page, and keeping them up there for at least a week (an exception would be made if the track is taken down before a week is over)

-Posting bulletins and blogs about the draw and the Ghost Children 2 charity compilation. You will receive an extra entry in the draw for every blog or bulletin you post. Of course, they can't be half-hearted posts ;)

-Buying a copy of Ghost Children 2/Friends and Enemies will also earn you an additional entry into the contest

If you record a few different covers, please only submit what you think bests represents yourself or your band as musicians. And remember, only submit covers of Zeitgeist era tracks. Ghost Children 2 and Act IV related projects in the past already have the 1988-2000 SP songs covered ;)

Here is what you get if you win the draw:

Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition)-special silver cover, includes the bonus tracks, "Death From Above", "Stellar" and "Ma Belle". Also, includes a bonus DVD called "Inside the Zeitgeist" which includes a 20 minute documentary about the album, and the official videos for "Tarantula" and "That's The Way (My Love Is)". Currently, this special version of the album is only available in the U.S. and specifically at Best Buy stores (not even available through Best Buy Canada). http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/9/9c/SP_Zeitgeist_gray.jpg

-Ghost Children/Friends and Enemies (AKA Ghost Children 2):

This CD is a special SP tribute/charity compilation that includes 13 covers of SP songs by 13 original artists from the world . The cover songs include tracks from SP's diverse catalogue from the first 12-13 years of their career, from "Not Worth Asking" to "Home", to hits like "Today" and "1979", and fan favorites like "Set the Ray To Jerry".

This tribute is completely "for the fans by the fans", produced independently by Act IV's organizers, and all profits from the sale of the compilation go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois . A limited edition of 200 copies was released, all of them hand-numbered. The artwork was done by Kate Fuller, best known for her online satirical comic strip, Billy The Egomaniac.

<http://www.act4.net/ghostchildren2cover.jpg>

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: January 23rd, 2008

I hope to hear some of your entries soon!

David

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/01 11:59

Would being able to submit your covers through ThePumpkins.net make it more likely for you to submit for this? Is

anyone here actually interested in this?

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/02 14:56

I'd definatley be interested in entering a song into this, but I dont understand how to submit the song... I've checked the myspace page but still no help...

Should I PM the finished song to them?

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Murder McMurderson - 2007/12/02 15:13

You'll be able to upload soon. :)

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/03 21:13

Now everyone has a place to upload their covers. Please read the rules and information carefully before uploading.

http://www.thepumpkins.net/zeitgeist_contest_upload

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/06 11:01

Do you have to cover the songs in the same style?

Im thinking of doing Bleeding The Orchid as a kinda synth/piano thing similar to the stuff on adore, would this be ok or does it have to be the same as the original?

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by PistolPete - 2007/12/06 11:15

IMO it's better to put your own spin on the song. Standard straight forward covers are slightly boring. So a piano cover of Bleeding the Orchid would be great. You'd probably have a better chance of winning as well.

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/06 11:24

My thoughts exactly.

I dont like covering songs in there original style, I like putting parts of my own style into the song.

Im going to try and get the song recorded in the next few weeks.

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/06 12:18

A lot of the covers that are on Ghost Children 2 have differing degrees of original spin on them. Some of them are subtle, others are more evident.

As a general rule, putting your own original spin is better. However, at least in my opinion, it should work with the song and capture the spirit of the band in some intangible way. Some covers can be drastically different than the original but you can tell the artists are inspired by SP.

While others, it sounds like they have never heard the song in their lives before recording their version, and never even heard SP before. This is especially true on commercial tributes like Midnight in the Patch--- Beebop version of "Today"-I am looking in your direction; Sounds like a version Carlton from Fresh Prince of Bel-Air would record lol.

I am not sure if that is helpful. When it comes to the voting stage, it will be majority rules, so it will depend on the preferences of the people voting here rather than my personal preference.

Of course, it is recommended that you don't consciously attempt to sound like Billy ;). There have been a couple of artists that have worked on Act IV projects that have had Billy-like vocals, but they were not trying to sound like that intentionally. They had grown up singing along to SP songs in a country where English was not the first language. One of them has since got singing lessons, so he has a greater range, and his latest SP cover does not even have a hint of Billy-esque vocals.

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by PistolPete - 2007/12/06 12:29

Do we have a part in the voting??

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/06 12:35

I assume it will be similar to how people voted for the Ghost Children 2 music video contest on here. Through average rating and the amount of votes received.

The voting on the favorite song was something that Murder had come up with as a 2nd stage of the contest/draw. The first stage is the draw, which is more or less random, with increasing chances for anyone that helps us out in any of the ways we listed, since that would entail more entries for them.

But he will have to comment on the logistics and timing on the voting.

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/06 15:22

Ah all well and good then.

I knew it was all down to voting, I just wanted to clarify I my entry wouldnt be void if it wasnt in the same vein as the original.

And dont worry, SP are my fav band so I should hope they'll be noticeable influences in there. :)

Also, if I where to get more entries by the other methods show how would you know Im doing said methods - eg blogs would I have too tell you each time or what?

Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/06 15:36

It would be your responsibility to notify me and post links to the bulletins or blogs you post. You would contact me through the Act IV myspace. All the specifics are outlined in the Zeitgeist Contest page Murder designed.

If you have any further questions, let me know.

Fans can be finicky in terms of their tastes if they like covers at all. In the past I have heard complaints that covers aren't original enough, or that they want only straight forward covers to the point where they will bash a song if it doesn't have the exact drum fills that Jimmy is able to pull off, and then there are people who say any modification to the song is blasphemous. So you can't really win, so just go with what you want to do.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/06 15:41

Alright thanks for the quick responses.

I'll just add ActIV now on my bands account - Galapogos.

I'll post the links to them etc when I put them up (after the songs recorded probably)

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/13 13:13

Cool. Anyone else planning on recording anything? If anyone else wants to help out, even if they are not planning on submitting anything, please spread the word as there only a little over a month to go before the deadline!

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by PistolPete - 2007/12/13 23:26

Wow. Game over. Here's your winner right here.

Ma Belle - Courtesy of three netphorians

<http://www.mediafire.com/?6xhtew1nbmx>

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/14 02:51

The voice sounds very familiar.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by PistolPete - 2007/12/14 09:39

Yeah she does a lot of Pumpkins covers.
http://www.youtube.com/profile_videos?user=toringbearer&p=r
Earlier someone posted here Wound acoustic cover.

I think she just sings on Ma Belle, another person played the instruments and someone else mixed it and added a few finishing touches. I thought it was pretty good.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/14 14:58

Yeah I remember in the other thread. I wonder why she didn't perform any guitar parts. Maybe she hadn't figured out how to play that specific song.

After the "Wound" cover was posted, I had checked out her other stuff, and found she had done some covers on her own of Zeitgeist stuff on there. I sent her a friend request in the hopes that she might think of submitting something for the contest, as she is the only person I have ever seen cover Zeitgeist songs. I am not sure if she ever approved my friend request on the Act IV myspace.

Also, my brother noticed after Murder posted on SmashingPumpkins.com, that the Pumpkins webmasters posted his posting about this contest as official band news! I had posted something similar before but I guess ThePumpkins.net name attached to gives it legitimacy ;)

Now if only we could hear what Billy and Jimmy think of Ghost Children 2! We sent a copy to them via Joe Shanahan. Basically we contacted Joe, and he agreed to forward it along So basically last November/December we sent it from Toronto to Chicago and he presumably sent it them in LA.

Also, who would have thought Netphorians would be involved in an Act IV related project. Some of the fans over there have not been too keen or kind on the subject in the past.

PistolPete, after you posted the link, I checked out Netphoria for the first time in a long time, and noticed you encouraging them to submit to this contest. Thanks :). If I would have rejoined that forum and posted, I probably would have been flamed lol

And now in stereotypical Netphorian fashion, people are starting slag to the contest on there. What they do they expect? We are not a company or the Pumpkins. I will gladly get the CD signed if I had access to SP but I don't. If the Pumpkins are in Chicago around New Years and want to make a house call, then maybe would could arrange something with the right connections lol.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by PistolPete - 2007/12/15 03:56

Eye wrote:

Also, my brother noticed after Murder posted on SmashingPumpkins.com, that the Pumpkins webmasters posted his posting about this contest as official band news! I had posted something similar before but I guess ThePumpkins.net name attached to gives it legitimacy ;)

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I'm glad it's getting the recognition it deserves. Maybe you should think of extending the deadline a little for those that are just hearing about it.

PistolPete, after you posted the link, I checked out Netphoria for the first time in a long time, and noticed you encouraging them to submit to this contest. Thanks :). If I would have rejoined that forum and posted, I probably would have been flamed lol

I'm glad I could help and I'm happy they submitted their song. I thought they did an excellent job. I don't normally post there, but I frequent both blamo and netphoria daily. In fact I started posting regularly on blamo when Pumpkins.net went down (under the name Schmald).

I was surprised you didn't advertise on netphoria though. Thats probably your best resource.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/15 14:30

Well considering the reaction it got after someone else posted, I think it was good that I didn't. There are many Netphorians that have nothing but nasty things to say about Act IV. Even one person referred to me and Steven as "the Pukin weirdos" back in 2001. Although that may have been on the AMSP, which I found after awhile was even worse than Netphoria is. It was even to the point one jerk was trying to allude to false claims of incest.

Not everyone has to like Act IV projects, but it gets ridiculous when people bash things for the sake of it. I know that Netphorians tend to be predominantly negative in general, but when it comes to Act IV it sometimes seems more than usual.

Anyways, I just thought I would let you know if you are planning on submitting a song for the Zeitgeist cover song contest/draw we have going, one of your fellow SP fans has offered to mix your songs for free. Mixing can enhance the sound of your songs.

The person offering is Cam (Music mit Senf on myspace, SlingerGuitaro on various SP fan boards). He is the one who mixed the first submission for the contest, "Ma Belle" by the Netphoria All-Stars.

Here is a demonstration of his work:

here is the original cover version of ma belle: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=2dfDKTIGLVY>

and Cam's remix:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=hbmp2udl340>

So feel free to request his services if you are so inclined. It can go along way to help the sound, especially if you have purists that reject your covers because they feel it doesn't enough like it belongs on a CD. So you can cover your bases that way ;)

If you want to submit your own cover, please go to http://www.thepumpkins.net/zeitgeist_contest_upload

Please read all the rules, prizes, and incentive information before submitting your cover.

rock on,
David

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/15 15:03

PistolPete wrote:

Wow. Game over. Here's your winner right here.

Ma Belle - Courtesy of three netphorians
<http://www.mediafire.com/?6xhtew1nbmx>

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Hey, dont count the rest of us out yet ;)

Very nice cover, vocals are great!

The drums ruin it for me through, Im very picky about midi sounds in recordings though :p

I'll be recording my entry next week, probably submitting it around Thursday if all goes to plan.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/15 16:05

Cool. There is always the possibility of extending the deadline but we will consider whether that is necessary closer to the end of the draw.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/17 20:33

My brother is considering getting the UK vinyls of "That's the Way" and "Tarantula" to add to the best cover song portion of the contest for prizes. Do you think this will help encourage people to submit? There is currently no Zeitgeist vinyl to buy.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Skit - 2007/12/20 07:16

TBH, I dont think adding more prizes will make much of a difference, I think if people want to enter they'll enter.

Maybe (if they're bands) add links (or top friends) to there band page on the Act IV myspace.

Every band likes abit of promotion ;)

My entrys nearly finished, I've just got the solo and the vocals left to record (which I'll almost certainly finished tonight) then all I'll have left to do is mixing/eqing etc

I'll probably be submitting my entry over the weekend if all goes to plan. :yay

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2007/12/20 21:52

Just to let you know, we have decided to extend the deadline to February 7th, 2008, about two weeks or so longer than the original deadline.

Also, it's official. For the best cover song portion, we have added two vinyls as mentioned above.

<http://www.spfreaks.com/Default.aspx?page=COLLDETAILS&item=1842>

<http://www.spfreaks.com/Default.aspx?page=COLLDETAILS&item=1638>

It's the best we can do unless someone has something really cool that they want to donate for the contest.

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Event Of The Year - 2007/12/24 19:05

Hey everyone,

I wanted to send a message to the community letting you know that my contest entry for the Zeitgeist contest no longer contains those annoying "digital static" noises in the pre-choruses. I'm not sure what happened in the first place to cause this, but the fact is, it is fixed!

Please give my song another chance if the above static turned you off in any way. I know that, since you are Pumpkins fans, that quality is very important to you. It's important to me, too.

Thanks for your support!

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Re:Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition) Draw/Cont

Posted by Eye - 2008/01/04 05:20

Just a reminder that you are not allowed to submit covers of Zeitgeist era songs that have only been played live. However, I guess technically you could submit covers of songs off of American Gothic, considering that those 4 songs are packaged on iTunes in a 'deluxe edition' of Zeitgeist ;)

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Deadline approaching, Even More Prizes

Posted by Eye - 2008/01/28 19:57

REMINDER: The deadline is approaching fast for the contest. Less than 2 weeks left-February 7th, 2008. Is there any people on here that have not yet submitted that are currently finishing up their submissions???

EVEN MORE PRIZES:

Over the weekend, an anonymous donor offered two new prizes for us to add to the contest. They are not ultra rare but they are greatly appreciated and add some more depth to the packages available for the winners of the draw and best cover song portion respectively. There is obviously some b-side overlap, but these prizes are good for all things SP, especially, and you don't have to buy them off eBay or at your local shop :P

Here is a quick run down of the prizes now available, with special attention to the new additions.

For the random drawing:

- 1) Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition)-special silver cover with bonus tracks and bonus DVD.
- 2) Ghost Children/Friends and Enemies (AKA Ghost Children 2)
SP fan tribute charity compilation (organized by Act IV in benefit of Make-A-Wish)
- 3) Tarantula CD Single ***NEWLY ADDED PRIZE***

For the 'best cover song' portion:

- 1) Zeitgeist (Album of the Year Edition)-special silver cover with bonus tracks and bonus DVD.
 - 2) Tarantula 7" Vinyl Single.
 - 3) That's The Way (My Love Is) 7" Vinyl Single.
 - 4) Zeitgeist Special Edition with 76-page Book ***NEWLY ADDED PRIZE***
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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by doopydoogle - 2008/02/06 16:14

cool

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by Eye - 2008/02/06 21:53

Vidooch, if you are reading this, I can't respond to you unless you send me a friend request. You are blocking music pages from adding you and you only allow people on your friends list to message you back, so basically I am stuck in trying to contact you through Myspace.

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by Eye - 2008/02/08 18:28

I would like to congratulate Somaziro (and the Netphoria All-Stars) for winning the random draw! Somaziro will receive the silver Zeitgeist, the Tarantula CD single, and a copy of Ghost Children 2. Remember, this is a random drawing, so it was not based on the quality of the cover.

The way I conducted the draw is this. I assigned everyone a number according to when they submitted their entry (Somaziro's "Ma Belle" was the first entry, and Rao's "That's the Way" was the 24th entry). Then wrote each number down in 48 point font in a word document. Since there was 24 entries, I numbered them from 01 to 24, rather than assigning their names. Then I added multiples of the people who did extra, such as post bulletins. One guy even had 18 bulletins that he posted (so he had 19 chances to win), while a couple of others had 2 additional entries (making them have 3 chances to win-one had posted 2 bulletins, while the other bought GC2 and posted a bulletin). I cut them up into squares, and put them into a small saucepan, covered it with an opaque lid, and shook it probably about 100 times lol.

As mentioned in the rules, if you posted bulletins regarding the contest and Ghost Children 2, you would have had to contact me at the Act IV Myspace with a link to the bulletins to get credit for those additional entries.

STILL THE VOTING STAGE TO GO:

The voting stage of the contest commences on February 14th, so please take the time to thoughtfully listen to and absorb all the covers. Then come February 14-21, you will be able to make an informed decision on what you feel is the 'best cover song' for the Zeitgeist contest. Please try to vote for what you deem the best cover song, rather than simply supporting your friend's entry ;).

Also, if you are an artist, please post bulletins calling people's attention to the fact that voting is open to all SP fans (please indicate that only your Pumpkins fans friends should vote in good conscience). After all, only SP fans can truly appreciate covers of Pumpkins tracks :)

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by Eye - 2008/02/16 21:47

Just reminding people that they can still vote. It's best to listen to all the covers before you come to a decision on what the best cover is. There is probably some you will really like, and other ones not so much. Which ones you like and don't are up to personal preference. I am not saying you have to listen to the entire songs, but give them a fair chance before you hit the stop button. If your ears are bleeding or you are cringing after two minutes into a given song, you probably aren't liking the song ;)

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by jimmy drevpile - 2008/02/22 06:41

meh

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/02/22 06:45

boo on that! The Ma Belle cover was better. :(

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by Eye - 2008/02/22 07:08

What can I do guys? People voted, and that was the result. If you don't like the result than take it up with the 105 people who voted for Phil :P. Somaziro's cover won the draw, so at least that should be something for you. "Ma Belle" was in 4th place if memory serves for the best cover portion.

Would you guys be open to future contests? If we do another one, we will learn from the experience and people's concerns.

One idea I had was that if we had a large pool of entries, that we would have a selection committee (ala Act IV and Ghost Children 2) vote to narrow now the list. Say if there were 25 entries, the selection committee members would vote it down to 5 entries, and then open it up to public voting. Some people have suggested just having a panel of judges period.

Hopefully we could somehow get someone from SP.com to be on the committee, and maybe donate something like tickets to one of the era shows (if they occur) and then have the covers center around that era.

If you have ideas or if you want us to just not too any contests ever again, let us know!

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest: We have our Draw Winner!

Posted by eleihcs - 2008/02/22 07:18

Why not add more categories in the next contest?;)

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest: We have our Draw Winner!

Posted by Eye - 2008/02/22 07:25

Categories? You mean like the Grammys? Where do you suppose we would get all the prizes for that? ;) Unless you want it just be categories for bragging rights and nothing else :P

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest: We have our Draw Winner!

Posted by eleihcs - 2008/02/22 07:30

ahahaha...yes, like the grammy:P

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by PistolPete - 2008/02/22 07:45

Eye wrote:

Would you guys be open to future contests?

Yes, after a slow start, I think the Zeitgeist contest turned out pretty well.

One idea I had was that if we had a large pool of entries, that we would have a selection committee vote to narrow now the list. Say if there were 25 entries, the selection committee members would vote it down to 5 entries, and then open it up to public voting.
Good idea

Some people have suggested just having a panel of judges period.
I like this idea, but I know some people would bitch about this.

Hopefully we could somehow get someone from SP.com to be on the committee, and maybe donate something like tickets to one of the era shows (if they occur) and then have the covers center around that era.
Thumbs up there. ;)
But what if the winner is from Paris and the era show is in LA? The logistics just wont work.

Maybe get sp.com to donate some prizes (i.e. the memorabilia the have up for sale).

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Re:Zeitgeist Contest (More Prizes, Deadline Soon!)

Posted by Eye - 2008/02/22 09:10

I know what you mean. But if SP.com were directly involved, then we could make it something like Tickets to a Gish era show in the city of your choice. But I know it's hard and would require advanced planning. Of course, airfare would not be included.

Yeah I had wanted some of that stuff for this contest, but I don't know anyone at SP.com. Maybe if someone from this board becomes a correspondent than we could have an 'in' so to speak.

Ugh right now I am in a virtual waiting room waiting to buy Cubs tickets.

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