

RIVERSIDE
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Fair

& National Date Festival

2017 RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR AND NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

CONTEST RULES & APPLICATION

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DESCRIPTION:

Seven local bands will compete for \$5,000 worth of equipment at the 2017 Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival on Saturday, February 18. Contestants will be judged on technical performance, originality of songs, professionalism, stage presence, vocals and audience reaction.

PRIZES:

The winning band will be awarded two guitars, one bass guitar, two amplifiers and a full drum set. Second and third place will receive recognition trophies. The winner will be announced at the end of the competition.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to Riverside County residents. All band members must be 26 years old or younger. Proof of age and residence of all members will be required.

ENTRY

PROCEDURE:

Each band must submit a completed application accompanied by a CD demo or web link to your music, stage plot, set list *with* lyrics (must have one cover song) that you plan on performing for the contest, and of a photo of your band.

The **application deadline is Monday, January 23, 2017**. Applications and supplemental materials should be submitted to Sophia Felix by mail at 73710 Fred Waring Dr., Ste. 222, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival neither retain nor return the materials submitted.

- RULES:**
- The contest will be limited to seven bands maximum.
 - Each band will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes for its performance.
 - All band members *must* reside in Riverside County.
 - Set must include at least one cover song.
 - All lyrics, subject matter, overall performance, actions, and dress must be family friendly in nature. No inappropriate language or subject matter is allowed. Bands that fail to abide by these rules will be removed from the stage and disqualified.
- DAY OF EVENT:** List of the bands’ order will be distributed on or before the event.
- All band members must arrive for set-up no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Failure to do so will result in up to a 10-point deduction from your band’s final score (one point for each minute late).
- STAGE INFORMATION:** The 2017 Battle of the Bands will be held at the Magic Carpet Stage at the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival.
- MUSIC ACCOMPANIMENT:** The microphones and PA, drum kit, bass guitar and guitar amps will be provided. Please bring keyboards, guitars, cymbals and drum hardware or anything else you require that is not listed. The same professional sound company that will be working with all the artists on the Fantasy Springs Concert Pavilion Stage during the Fair will be providing microphones and sound mixing during your performance. A stage manager will be on hand to keep the show running smoothly.
- Bands are responsible for any Battle of the Bands equipment damaged or lost during their set-up, set or tear-down.
- MERCHANDISE:** Bands may sell band merchandise (CDs, T-shirts, and posters) in an area that will be set up 15 minutes prior to show time and will close 15 minutes after show time. The merchandise booth will be shared with all bands that choose to take advantage of this opportunity. Only band merchandise can be sold at the booth.

**SELECTION
CRITERIA:**

Each application will be reviewed by a Battle of the Bands Selection Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Timely receipt of a completed application. Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017 will not be reviewed.
2. Uniqueness and appeal of performance, including sound, vocals and lyrics.
3. Material to be performed must be appropriate for a family audience.
4. Must be able to be at the Fairgrounds (82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201) on Saturday, February 18, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Seven (7) bands will be selected the week of January 30 and will be notified by phone or email no later than Monday, February 6, 2017. Credential and parking information will be provided once the band selection has been made. The Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival has the right to reject any application for any reason.

**JUDGING
CRITERIA:**

Contestants will be judged on a 60 point system:

Technical Performance, Max Points: 10

How well the band members use their instruments

Audience Reaction, Max Points: 10

Audience applause, yelling, screaming and/or dancing

Vocals, Max Points: 10

Singer's voice complements the music and voice quality

Originality of Songs, Max Points: 10

Song construction, expressions and blend of vocals and music

Stage Presence, Max Points: 10

Interaction with the crowd, band is having fun and are fun to watch

Professionalism, Max Points: 10

Dress and act appropriately, show respect for the audience

DEDUCTIONS:

Set Time, Max Points: -10

Band did not meet 30-minute time limit

Late Arrival Time, Max Points: -10

Inefficient set-up time between sets, Max Points: -10

Band took more than 10 minutes to set-up



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ENTRY FORM

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Name of band performing:

Name of person submitting application and relationship to the band:

Applicant address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Day time contact phone number: (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Best time to be contacted: _____

Number of people in band: _____ Will you be selling merchandise? Yes ___ No ___

BAND MEMBERS NAMES AND INSTRUMENTS PLAYED

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

You and your band wish to enter the *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival* Battle of the Bands Contest and agree to abide by the rules provided by the *Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival*. Your signature indicates that you have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as published on the forms provided. I certify that all information provided above is true and accurate.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or guardian must sign for minor under the age 18)



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CONTESTANT MEDIA INFORMATION

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The following information will be provided to media for publicity purposes and to the MC of the contest.

Name of band: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone number: _____

How many members are in your band? _____

What community is your band from? _____

How long has your band been performing together? _____

How did your band come together? _____

What makes your band unique? _____

What venues have you played? _____

Describe your musical style: _____

How did you hear about this contest? _____

Checklist of Materials Due by January 23, 2017:

- The application completely filled out, including the entry form (with signature showing that you read and understand the rules) and the media information
- A photo of your band (.jpg format, if emailing)
- A stage plot
- Song set list *with* lyrics (at least one cover song)
- A sample of your music on CD or a web link
- Proof of residency and age

Please note that these items will not be returned.

Please return your completed application and supplemental materials to:

Battle of the Bands ATTN: Sophia Felix
73710 Fred Waring Dr., Ste. 222
Palm Desert, CA 92260

NO LATER THAN 5 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

Questions? Please contact Sophia Felix at 760-863-8211 or sofelix@rivco.org