

# Band Registration

Schenectady County's Battle of the Bands is an opportunity for local musical talent to perform live in front of thousands of people with the winner earning a spot on the 2017 Schenectady County SummerNight line-up (and the opportunity to play in front of more than 20,000 people). The competition will feature 4 incredible bands competing for performance dates and the opener position at next year's Schenectady County's Battle of the Bands & SummerNight events.

Contestants will be judged on technical performance, originality of songs, professionalism, stage presence, vocals and audience reaction.

## Entry Procedure

Applications & sample audio/video, stage plot, set list with lyrics (must have at least Two cover song & one original) that you plan on performing for the contest, and a photo of your band must be emailed, mailed or dropped off no later than Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Muscic sample can be provided via soundcloud, bandcamp or any other online method.

**\*\*Schenectady County neither retains nor returns any materials submitted.**

## Competition Rules:

- Contest will be limited to four bands maximum
- Bands playing order will be determined by September 5, 2016 via random draw.
- Each band will be allowed a maximum of 40 minutes total time for their performance including 5 minute setup, 30 minute performance, and 5 min teardown.

***\*No performance may extend past 30 minutes, penalties will incur of up to 10 points from the judges' overall score for delays in set changes.***

- Set must include at least two (2) cover songs and one (1) original song.
- This is a county event and we require proper respect and attitude at all times.
- No Foul Language, Inappropriate Actions or Attire will be permitted. You will be disqualified and removed from the competition premises.
- Sound check time is TBD – all bands must attend sound check.

Please return your completed application and materials to:

Jason Lecuyer, Director of Special Events

[Jason.Lecuyer@SchenectadyCounty.com](mailto:Jason.Lecuyer@SchenectadyCounty.com)

OR

Schenectady County Battle of the Bands

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## Stage Information:

Battle of the Bands Competition will take place in the City Municipal lot on Broadway and Liberty on Schenectady County's Main Stage on Friday September 9th 2016.

Music Accompaniment:

Provided will be the microphones, PA, and Drum Kit.

PA includes: 6- KW181 Subs, 6- QSE KW 152 Mains, 32 Channel Board with Programmable Scenes, 4- 1000W Wedges, Full Mic Drum Kit, and 6-Lead Mics.

Lighting Packages: 12- 5 color LED light package.

Please bring amps, keyboards, guitars, bass, cymbals, drum hardware, and any additional equipment you require that is not listed. Microphones and sound mixing during your performance will be provided by Schenectady County. A stage manager will be on hand to keep the show running smoothly along with a stage crew.

**\*Bands are responsible for any Battle of the Bands equipment damaged or lost during their set-up, set or tear-down.**

## 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 August 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 will not be reviewed.*
2. Quality & Appeal of performance
3. Artist integrity

Four (4) Bands will be selected on Friday, September 2nd, 2016 and notified by phone or email. Credential and arrival information will be provided once the band selections have been made.

**The decision for the selection rests with Schenectady County and the selection committee. Schenectady County reserves the right to reject any application deemed unfit.**

## Merchandise:

Bands may sell band merchandise (CD's, T-Shirts, and Posters) in the Artist Tent located next to the stage. Booth will be shared with all bands that choose to take advantage of this opportunity.

Only band merchandise, no private businesses merchandise will be permitted. Schenectady County is not responsible for loss or theft of cash or merchandise; please make sure you have a person to be responsible for your items.

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## Judging:

Contestants will be judged on a 60 point max system:

Category	Max Points
➤ Technical Performance	10
➤ Audience Reaction	10
➤ Vocals, Max Points:	10
➤ Originality of Songs (Cover and Originals)	10
➤ Stage Presence, Max Points:	10
➤ Professionalism, Max Points:	10
Deductions	Max Deduction
➤ Set Time (Exceeded 30 minute time frame)	-10
➤ Arrival Time (Members arrived after check-in & before max window)	-10
➤ Inefficient turnover time (more than 10 minutes taken on setup or teardown)	-10

**Bands will be disqualified and removed from the competition for inappropriate behavior, language, or clothing**

## Grand Prize:

The Grand Prize will be a winner takes all and will consist of:

- Five (5) Paid Performances:  
 SummerNight 2017 Opening Performance - \$1250  
 Battle of the Bands 2017 Headlining Performance - \$1250  
 Pinhead Susan's Performance - \$TBD  
 20 North Performance - \$TBD  
 Centre Street Performance - \$TBD

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Name of Band Performing:

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Name of Person Submitting Application and relationship to the band:

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Applicant Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to be contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Band: \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be selling merchandise? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## BAND MEMBERS NAME, AGE, INSTRUMENT PLAYED

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contestant Media Information Form

The following information will be provided to Schenectady County Special Events for publicity purposes.

Name of 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 \_\_\_\_\_

My band and I wish to enter the *Schenectady County* Battle of the Bands Contest and agree to abide by the rules provided by the *Schenectady County Battle of the Bands*.

I certify that all information provided above is true and accurate.

Your signature indicates that you have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as published on the forms provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature: (for minor under the age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Checklist to be turned in by August 29th, 2016:

- The application completely filled out and signed including the media information. Contact person and signature that shows that you read and understand the rules.
- Photo of your band (.jpg format if emailing).
- Stage plot
- Song set list
- Sample of your music via soundcloud, bandcamp or any other online method
- Link to Band's Website

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