

ROCKONSIN

Youth Garagebands Rocking Wisconsin

ROCKONSIN Finals Hit the Summerfest Stage

Madison, Wis. (June 6, 2016) – Twelve (12) statewide garage bands representing 23 statewide high schools and middle schools have just been selected to perform at the ROCKONSIN Finals to be held at Summerfest on June 30 & July 1st on the Johnson Controls Stage.

ROCKONSIN Finals Competition

JOHNSON CONTROLS STAGE

(each band plays a 20 minute set)

Thursday June 30

12:15 pm Sonic Dreams (Rock) - Wales Kettle Moraine, Germantown, Pewaukee & Milwaukee Marquette High Schools, Waukesha Horning Middle School
12:45 pm Brave People (Rock) - Germantown, Hartford & Slinger High Schools
1:15 pm Distant Cuzins (Rock) – Oregon High School
1:45 pm Surround Sound (Alternative) - Waunakee, Middleton & Madison Memorial High Schools
2:15 pm The Violet Aversion Theory (Rock) – Madison West High School
2:45 pm Life in a Tree (Alternative) - Mequon & Grafton High Schools

Friday July 1

12:15 pm Enough Already (Punk) - De Pere High School & Green Bay Notre Dame Academy
12:45 pm Resonance (R&B/Soft Rock) - Chippewa Falls High School
1:15 pm Urban Royalty (Alternative) - Sheboygan North & Howards Grove High Schools
1:45 pm JAGs (Rock) - St. Croix Falls High School
2:15 pm ZAMMEK (Punk) - La Crosse Logan High School
2:45 pm Something Ironic (Rock) - Green Bay Preble High School

Please Note: Performance times and band listings are subject to change.

Over fifty statewide bands, of all musical genres, applied for this still only statewide garage band competition for high school and now middle school students that is found in the nation. Three bands were selected from each of four statewide regions (Green Bay, Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee) by three music industry professionals with over 50 years combined experience.

Each of the 12 bands will perform for 20 minutes on the Johnson Controls Stage and will be evaluated by four music industry judges on creativity, rhythm/vocals, primary beats/blend and a summary of each musician knowing their role and how the band jells as one musical unit. Each band will receive a private verbal critique from one of the judges.

“These talented ROCKONSIN garage bands have demonstrated the musicianship and a passion in developing their own groups and signature sound. These young gifted & talented bands will explode with creative energy, excitement and expression from the stage and will give you a peek into the future of music being created in our Badger State” said ROCKONSIN Producer Dennis Graham.

The winning band and runner-up will each receive an additional slot to perform at Summerfest on July 10th on the Harley-Davidson Stage at 5:00pm and 4:00pm respectively in addition to both bands winning a professional recording session at Madison’s Blast House Studios. One punk, metal or hard rock band will be chosen to represent ROCKONSIN at the Vans Warped Milwaukee tour stop on July 26th. In addition, one band will be selected at the Finals show to perform on August 13th at the Waukesha Bluesfest 10th Anniversary show at Naga-Waukeke Park. Each of the 12 Finalist bands will receive two (2) Shure microphones. The winning band will also receive a Shure wireless microphone system.

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