



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

2023 PLEASANTVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL Battle of the Bands Rules and Regulations

WHAT'S AT STAKE:

3 Battle of the Bands winners will open this year's Pleasantville Music Festival on Saturday, July 8th.

- **PARTY STAGE WINNER** will perform for 25 minutes starting at noon on the **Party Stage**. This band should be a full-out rockin' unit to set the tone for the rest of the day.
- **CHILL TENT STAGE WINNER** will perform for 25 minutes starting at noon on the **Chill Tent Stage**. This can be a band, a duo, or a solo performer, acoustic or electric, but the music must be more 'chill' than 'intense' in texture. Any genre of music is acceptable.
- **MAIN STAGE WINNER** will perform for 30 minutes starting at 12:30pm. The winner will be the one band or artist chosen from among all entries to open the **Main Stage**.

Winners will be paid \$75 per performer after their appearance at the Music Festival. (Maximum up to 5 members per band can receive payment)

HOW TO ENTER:

To be considered for this competition, please send mp3 recordings or web links for two original songs, each under 6 minutes in length, to PvilleBattle@gmail.com.

- Two songs **cannot** be connected to each other so as to be considered one.

If you are to be considered for the live competition, all music **must** be able to be performed live. **Pre-recorded or pre-sequenced music parts are not permitted.**

If you are sending mp3 recordings, you may send each song in a separate email, but all songs must be compressed so that each email is **under 10 MB**. We must receive these files or web links no later than **Friday, April 21, 2023, at 11:59 pm**.

The following information must accompany your entry:

- The band or artist's name
- The name, age, and address of each band member
- Contact info (email and phone number)

Before submitting, please make sure that, *if you are selected*, you'll be available on the applicable date for the live finals where you will perform before a panel of industry pros:

- **Chill Tent Stage Competition**, afternoon/evening of **Sunday, May 7**
- **Party Stage Competition**, afternoon/evening of **Saturday, May 13**

And that you'll also be available on the date of the **Festival, Saturday, July 8th**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

A screening committee will review all entries and determine which acts will be invited to perform live before a panel of judges in the finals. Notification will be sent, and time slots will be assigned, on or before **Thursday, April 27th**.

LIVE COMPETITIONS:

Chosen artists will perform **the 2 submitted songs plus a third original song**, before a panel of judges at one of two live events:

- 1) **Chill Tent Stage** live finals, **Sunday, May 7th**
- 2) **Party Stage** live finals, **Saturday, May 13th**

All entrants from both live competitions will also be eligible to be selected to open the **Main Stage**.

Both events will take place in **The Garage at Lucy's, 446 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY**. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Winners for both competitions, including the Main Stage Winner, will be chosen **Sunday, May 14th**. Winners will be informed privately, and an announcement will be made soon thereafter.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) All music submitted and performed must be original. No covers or prerecorded music is allowed at the live competition.
- 2) **All solo and duo performers must be 24 years old or younger as of May 13, 2023. Bands of 3 members or more may have no more than 1 member who is older than 24. The rest of the band members must be 24 or younger. We will check IDs.**
- 3) **More than 50%** of all band members must reside (or attend school) within the following counties: Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Fairfield, Bergen, or the Bronx. For solos and duos, that means that all performers must live within these counties. For bands of three, two of the members must meet that requirement. For bands of four or five, three members must meet that requirement.
- 4) **All participants must complete the Battle of the Bands Registration form (available for downloading at pleasantvillemusicfestival.com). If a participant is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign their registration form and have it with them on the day of the performance.**
- 5) All artists must bring government-issued photo IDs with their ages and addresses, including school ID if that is being used to meet our residency requirement.
- 6) **IF YOU ARE A PREVIOUS WINNER IN A PLEASANTVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS YOU MEET ALL THREE CRITERIA LISTED BELOW:**
 - a. More than half of the band's members have changed out since winning
 - b. Your lead singer is different from the lead singer in the winning band
 - c. Your band name has changed
- 7) **Any participants found violating or attempting to violate these rules will be disqualified from the competition along with the remainder of their band.**

OUR EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) On the day of the performance, band members must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities, drugs, alcohol, sex, or any other subject matter not suitable for a family audience.
- 2) Band name and lyrics of performance songs must not contain any obscenities. The entire performance must be suitable for families.
- 3) Drugs and alcohol are not permitted for artists before or during the performance.
- 4) If a band or band member incites 'moshing' or any other sort of violence in the crowd, the band will be disqualified.
- 5) Any band member or artist who interferes in any way with another band's or artist's performance will be disqualified.
- 6) **Fires, pyrotechnics, fog machines, etc. are not allowed.**

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

A panel of judges will score artists using a point system. Criteria to be considered include **Stage Presence, Song Quality & Originality, and Quality of Live Performance.**

If performers' ratings end up in a tie, point totals in the following categories, in order of judging importance, will decide the winner:

- 1) Quality of Live Performance
- 2) Song Quality and Originality
- 3) Stage Presence

GEAR:

If selected for the live finals, artists must provide their own musical instruments, though there will be a drum kit on stage for use. Drummers are required to bring their own cymbals and snare. Amps will be provided by the venue, but musicians are also free to bring their own. Additionally, **The Garage at Lucy's** will supply sound for the house including monitors, PA, and sound board. If you are chosen to compete, we will provide **The Garage at Lucy's** contact information for any further questions about gear.

Note: Artists are responsible for the security of their equipment. Venue and event organizers cannot be held responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen equipment.

AGREEMENT TO USAGE:

All bands agree to have their name, voice, and/or likenesses used in any advertising or broadcasting material related to this contest without any compensation or rights to royalties for such use.

ABIDING BY THE RULES:

- 1) The Pleasantville Music Festival staff reserves the right to make changes to the rules and regulations of the contest.
- 2) **This is a friendly competition. The decision of the judges is final and will be honored by all parties.**
- 3) The Pleasantville Music Festival staff will have the final word in any disputes that might arise concerning the contest
- 4) All band members must sign the registration form acknowledging they have read, understood, and will abide by the rules as outlined in this document
- 5) All artists and band members under the age of 18 are required to also have a parent or guardian sign the registration form.
- 6) Failure to comply with any contest rules may result in bands or artists being disqualified.