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City accepting applications for 7th annual *Battle of the Bands*

(Barrie, ON) The City is currently accepting applications from local bands with members aged 21 and under for the annual *Battle of the Bands* event. The event takes place on May 13 at the Mady Centre for the Performing Arts (1 Dunlop Street West).

Anyone interested in performing at *Battle of the Bands* must submit contact information and a video or audio recording before **April 3** to the City of Barrie's Department of Culture, located at 56 Mulcaster Street or to events@barrie.ca. To qualify, you must be a resident of Barrie or surrounding area, provide your own instruments, and refrain from using offensive language during your performance.

Selected bands will take the stage and be judged by a panel of local musicians, promoters and music industry insiders for the chance to win prizes which include recording time provided by Sprout Wise Media, general admission passes to WAYHOME, performance slots at Canada Day, OK Friday and The Foxx Rock Bar & Hotdoggerly, and a gift certificate to MusicPro.

Battle of the Bands is supported by Sprout Wise Media, Foxx Lounge Rock Bar & Hotdoggerly, Central Ontario Music Council, Music Pro, WAYHOME, Rock 95 and 107.5 Kool FM.

For more information about *Battle of the Bands*, visit www.barrie.ca/BattleOfTheBands.

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