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53RD ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS LIVE AUDITIONS

Seeking band talent from all genres to be one of 12 finalists

Hayward, CA (December 11, 2015) – The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is excited announce that it will be accepting entries for the 53rd Annual Battle of the Bands Live Auditions. The entry deadline is Friday, January 8, 2016 or until 30 bands have registered.

Band finalists will have a chance to play in front of an audience of over 1,000 people, acquire musical exposure, and have an opportunity to win prizes such as studio time, musical equipment, and professional services.

“The Battle” has years of history of quality musicianship, impressive performances, and can boast of famous past competitors such as Y&T, Fungo Mungo, and The Four Fendermans. Over 30 bands will compete in an audition and the top 12 are invited to take the stage at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center before an energetic crowd of over a thousand people on Saturday, February 27, 2015

Auditions will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Hayward’s Matt Jimenez Community Center. Pre-registration is required and includes an application and non-refundable fee of \$20.00. Entry forms are now available and will be accepted until January 8, 2016 or until 30 bands are registered. Visit www.HaywardRec.org/bands for important dates and to download an entry form.

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