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Bay Area young musicians audition in Battle of the Bands

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Local teen bands have a chance this fall to take their musical talents out of the garage and onto the stage and to possibly win some cool cash and gift certificate prizes in the bargain.



Teen Services Library Assistant Patrick Brogan is once again in charge of organizing this year's annual Teen Battle of the Bands, now in its fifth year, which will take place this year from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center in the Community Hall.

Brogan says it is open to bands whose members are in sixth to 12th grades and who live in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is open to all types of musical genres but songs must not contain obscene or offensive lyrics. Each band gets to perform up to three songs each during their set.

Teen band "DEA" wins Battle of the Bands in 2016. Photo provided

Audition videos or sound recordings should be sent to Brogan via email to pbrogan@ccclib.org with the subject line "5th Annual Teen Battle of the Bands Audition" and are due by Sunday, Oct. 22.

If more than five bands audition, then the community will be invited to vote during the week of Oct. 23-29 on the top five bands to perform. Selected bands will be notified the week of Oct. 30.

This is Brogan's fifth year organizing the event. He says he loves getting to see everyone perform. "There is some seriously amazing talent out there!"

Typically the panel of judges is made up of professional musicians and music enthusiasts who are looking at musical ability, originality, professionalism and stage presence/style.

Interested teen musicians should contact Brogan at pbrogan@ccclib.org or go to https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U1C1LJqhtKyUltEVefmtGU6-8rjv2HY4b1L_FE5pzF4/edit to learn more.

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