



BandJam



The Ultimate Battle of The Bands!! EVENT DETAILS

*Stamford
Recording*

High school students who are in garage bands, of any style or musical genre, outside of school, are invited to submit an application (available through music teachers and at the **BandJam** website at www.casciac.org under the Student Activities link)) plus an audition recording with two songs (originals or covers) by April 24, 2009. All members must be currently enrolled in a Connecticut CAS member high school, (check with a teacher or principal) however, band members do not all need to be enrolled in the same high school. In addition, one member from each band must identify a music teacher (in school or privately) who has made a positive difference in their music education.

Audition recordings, which do not need to be professional, are reviewed by a committee and narrowed down to a maximum of 12 bands. The selected bands must be able to perform at the **BandJam** event hosted by Darien High School on Friday, June 5 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The bands will compete to receive a grand prize that includes:

- ***Three (3) hours of professional recording studio time***
- ***An appearance at the International Festival of Arts and Ideas on the New Haven Green, Elm Street Stage on June 21st***

In addition, the top five (5) bands will also be invited to perform at *the International Festival of Arts and Ideas “Village of Villages”* event earlier that day. More specifics of the finalist awards will be announced. Judges will be made up of professional musicians and experienced talent managers.

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Bands are required to record two of their songs on a CD and submit them with a completed application form and a \$50 entry fee by April 24, 2009. Forms are available from music teachers, high school administrators or on the CAS website: www.casciac.org (look in the CSAC Student Activities link).

Entry forms and audition CDs should be sent to:
CAS Bandjam, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410.
Checks should be payable to: CAS.

Competition Rules

- Applications are open to any musical group formed outside the traditional school music program ensembles and must have two or more members.
- All members must be currently enrolled in a Connecticut CAS affiliated high school.
- All applicants are required to submit their recording on a CD with two selections, originals or cover songs. Total performance time cannot exceed 15 minutes.
- Lyric sheets for the two songs are required. Please indicate if the song is an original on the lyric sheet.
- Profane language or performance attire will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.
- Bands are expected to respect all of the equipment supplied at the event and the event facility.
- One member of each group is required to identify a music teacher who has influenced their music education.

General Information

- Up to 12 groups will be selected to perform.
- The competition will be held at Darien High School on Friday, June 5, 2009. Details and direction will be sent to the top 12 finalist bands.
- Should the event be cancelled for any reason, weather or school related issue, bands will be notified by CAS immediately and the event may not be rescheduled. If the event cannot be rescheduled, the band that scores the highest based on the audition recording, will be chosen as the winner for the grand prize. No refunds will be issued.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the festival director, Richard Sadlon at:
203-655-3981 ext: 2329 or RSadlon@darienps.org.

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The Ultimate Battle of The Bands!! Frequently Asked Questions



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Q. Do all of the members of our band need to be enrolled in the same high school?

A. No, but all of the members of your band must be enrolled in a CAS affiliated high school. Most high schools in CT are affiliated with CAS, but check with your principal to make sure.

Q. If one of our members is in college or has graduated early from high school is he or she eligible to play with our band in the competition?

A. No. All members must be enrolled in a Connecticut High School.

Q. Can only rock bands enter?

A. The competition is open to bands of all styles, cultures and backgrounds. (rock, pop, country, reggae, jazz....)

Q. Does it cost anything to enter?

A. Each band must submit a \$50 entry fee with their completed application by April 24, 2009. Payable to CAS.

Q. Will all of the bands who apply be chosen to compete in the June 5 BandJam competition event?

A. A panel of judges will listen to all of the recording of bands who have submitted complete applications and will choose the top 12 bands to compete at BandJam 2009.

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Checklist



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Band Name: _____

Please be sure you have the six following items in your application envelope. Include this checklist in the mailing.

- Application
- Media Authorization
- \$50.00 entry fee
- CD with two song recordings
- Lyrics and ownership of songs
- Paragraph regarding an influential music teacher

Applications must be post-marked by April 24, 2009.

Mail to: CAS BandJam, 30 Realty Dr., Cheshire, CT 06410.



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Application



Application deadline is April 24, 2009

Submit this application form (with Media Authorization form) and \$50.00 entry fee and two song recordings and lyrics to: CAS BandJam, 30 Realty Dr., Cheshire, CT 06410
Please Print Clearly!!

Band Name: _____ Style (Rock, Jazz, Country, etc.): _____
Primary Contact Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Adult Sponsor Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Member Names: (Put a next to each member enrolled in school music ensemble/program. Additional members may be added on a separate sheet.)

1. Name: _____ Age: _____ Instrument: _____
School: _____ School City/State _____
Email: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____
Parent Email: _____ Parent Signature: _____
2. Name: _____ Age: _____ Instrument: _____
School: _____ School City/State _____
Email: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____
Parent Email: _____ Parent Signature: _____
3. Name: _____ Age: _____ Instrument: _____
School: _____ School City/State _____
Email: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____
Parent Email: _____ Parent Signature: _____
4. Name: _____ Age: _____ Instrument: _____
School: _____ School City/State _____
Email: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____
Parent Email: _____ Parent Signature: _____

On a separate sheet, one band member should explain how a music teacher has made a difference in your music education. Please submit with application. Identify a music teacher who has influenced you:

Teacher's Name: _____ School: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____



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Band Name: _____

By applying to BandJam 09 the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) is authorized to use photos of your band in print and electronic communications representing the activities of CAS. Unless the photo is used as a news item for a news release, article or other photo related to the specific activity, the names of the subject(s) will not be published.

CAS may receive requests to book BandJan 09 bands for other performances.

Please check one of the boxes:

- I hereby **give** CAS permission to distribute our primary contact information to those people interested in contacting our band for concerts, festivals or special events.
- I **do not** give CAS permission to distribute our primary contact information to those people interested in contacting our band for other events.

Signed (Primary Contact)

Date

Signed (Adult Sponsor)

Date