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## Arts festival to hold Battle of the Bands

PAWTUCKET — The Pawtucket Arts Festival has announced in a press release that the Battle of the Bands, which the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket will host, is scheduled to take place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 15 at the club's Elson Branch, off School Street. It is open to student and youth musicians of Pawtucket in two age groups — middle or junior high school students 12-14, and high school students 15-18 years old.

This musical competition, sponsored by the Pawtucket Arts Festival, is one of many events and activities that will unfold during the 2007 festival.

Judging will be in these categories: rock and blues; rap, hip-hop and rhythm & blues; and Latino and world beat. Each band will be given 12-15 minutes on stage.

Prizes for winning bands will include a cash award and recording studio time at Mockingbird Music facility. In addition, all bands that win and complete a four-hour recording session will

be entered into a drawing to receive an additional eight hours of recording time at Mockingbird and a \$200 cash prize.

Each entry requires a \$25 non-refundable fee, which is waived for members of the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket. Checks should be made out to the city of Pawtucket.

Musicians and bands wishing to express interest in the Battle of the Bands should each send an e-mail to [battleofthebands@pawtucketartsfestival.org](mailto:battleofthebands@pawtucketartsfestival.org) by June 15. The e-mail should include the band member's name, telephone number and e-mail address. Add a short paragraph about you and your band.

Each band that applies must have at least one "verifiable Pawtucket resident," the press statement said. The band member from Pawtucket "must be active in the band and should fill out the application."

Applications are available at the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket or on its Website:

[www.bgc-pawt.org](http://www.bgc-pawt.org). Applications can also be obtained through music teachers at these schools: Goff Junior High, Jenks Junior High, Slater Junior High, Shea High, Tolman High, Saint Raphael Academy, Jacqueline M. Walsh School of Performing Arts, Blackstone Academy, and Williams M. Davies Career and Technical High School. Applications can also be downloaded at [www.PawtucketArtsFestival.org](http://www.PawtucketArtsFestival.org). Applications and the \$25 band-entry fee can be delivered to the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket.

For more information regarding Battle of the Bands, e-mail at [BattleoftheBands@Pawtucket-ArtsFestival.org](mailto:BattleoftheBands@Pawtucket-ArtsFestival.org). Or contact Allan Young at the Boys & Girls Club at 722-8840 or [ayoung@bgcpawt.org](mailto:ayoung@bgcpawt.org).

In addition to this contest, a Youth Art Show will feature works by the club's members.

Vendors who wish to be present during the Battle of the Bands should call or e-mail the club.