



Big Bull Falls Blues Fest
Sound Check Night – Battle of the Bands competition
Thursday, August 19th 2010

Wausau Area Events and the Big Bull Falls Blues Fest committee are sponsoring an annual Battle of the Bands. We are looking for the newest and upcoming Blues Band! The winner will perform a 90 minute set in the opening Friday evening slot at the 20th Anniversary of the Big Bull Falls Blues Fest in 2011, and be paid \$500.00 at that time. **The deadline for entering is June 15th, 2010.** The contest is open to blues artists from the Midwest. See Eligibility Criteria below for additional details.

Sponsor: Wausau Area Events, 316 Scott Street, Wausau WI 54403

Competition Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010

Competition Time: 5:00-10:00pm

Venue: Fern Island Park, Wausau, WI

How to Enter:

To be eligible, you will need to submit the following information:

- 1) At least 3 sample tunes on CD or link to website for listening capability
- 2) Short band bio (200 words or less)
- 3) Digital color or black/white photo
- 4) Link to your website, if available
- 5) Your band's upcoming schedule for additional promotion

Email items to karir@wausauareaevents.org and mail everything by the deadline. If mailing a CD, send to the address below:

Wausau Area Events, Inc.
316 Scott Street
Wausau WI 54403

Band Sets

Each band will have up to 15 minutes to perform their selections. There will be a 20 minute changeover period between sets. If a band exceeds the 15-minute performance time, a penalty may apply.

Prize and Winner Selection:

All eligible entrants will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges. Judges will select up to 6 semi-finalists on the basis of vocals, music ability, and overall

entertainment value. Semi-finalists will be notified on or before June 30th, 2010 of their standing. A seventh band may be considered as an alternate in case one of the chosen six bands is unable to perform.

Semi-Finalists are encouraged to play venues leading up to the competition to garner support for their band and the event. Wausau Area Events will provide a banner which can be displayed at your upcoming gigs, indicating that you are a semi-finalist.

Tickets will be sold for entrance to the Sound Check Night Battle of the Bands competition for \$2/person. A combination of an independent panel of 5 judges, as well as a spectator vote will be counted. Encourage your fans to support and vote for your band!

Judging will be based on the following:

- 1) Blues Content
 - a. Everyone has their own interpretation of what is and is not Blues. The judge panel will include members with varying opinions of the Blues, covering the spectrum of Blues whenever possible, from the most traditional to soul/blues and rock/blues.
- 2) Vocals
 - a. The acts vocal skills
- 3) Talent
 - a. This category is self-explanatory – the act's vocal and/or instrumental skills
- 4) Originality
 - a. Original work is encouraged. Cover tunes are allowed but playing the rendition note by note is discouraged.
- 5) Stage Presence
 - a. The band is not just encouraged to play great music, but to put on a great show. This benefits everyone!



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ENTRY FORM

(Write clearly)

BAND/ARTIST NAME: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

BAND MEMBER NAMES: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Send to:
Wausau Area Events, Inc.
Attn: Kari Rasmussen
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Wausau WI 54403
715/843-0748