

# **HORSHAM DISTRICT BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2004**

## **RULES**

1. The competition is open to all ages.
2. One or more of the band members must live or go to school within the Horsham District.
3. Musicians with recording contracts or in professional bands cannot enter.
4. Bands must be prepared to take part in a heat at the Drill Hall in Denne Road, Horsham on 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> September & 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> October
5. The final will take place on Horsham Carfax Bandstand, 7pm – 10pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004. If weather is bad the event will be switched to the Drill Hall in Denne Road.
6. Two members must be prepared to attend an event briefing evening in Park Barn, North Street, Horsham at 7pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2004
7. **There must be no swearing, smoking or drinking on stage.\***
8. Bands must stick to their allocated time. This will be 20 minutes. You must be ready to go on stage as soon as the preceding band has finished and have only 10 minutes set up time. If you overrun the set up time, your playing time will be reduced.
9. Previous winners of the event will not be allowed to take part unless as an individual playing in a completely different band.
10. Bands must decide whether they wish to enter the covers, originals or songwriters section of the competition. If your set is a mixture of covers and originals you will be prejudiced within the originals section because of the judging criteria.
11. Bands playing original material will be judged on the basis of originality, stage presence, content, musicianship and audience reaction. The judges are aware that some bands bring larger followings than others! If bands play cover versions they will receive no points for originality
12. Bands can ask for a copy of judges scores and comments to be sent to them after the event.
13. The final will comprise 7 bands of which no more than 2 will be covers bands. If possible the covers competition will be decided in a special covers heat freeing up the final for originals only bands. The winner from each heat is guaranteed a place in the final and, depending on how many bands enter/heats required, there will be one or two places for the judges best runners up.
14. Bands must return a 2 track demo with their entry form. Sound quality is not important!
15. The closing date for entries is **1st September 2004.**
16. The judges decision is final.

*\* - This year the "no-swearing" rule has been relaxed somewhat **for the heats in the Drill Hall only** in that swear words are allowed as long as it's "art" ie: within the context (lyrics) of a song. **For the Final in the Carfax Rule 7 applies in its entirety.** Gratuitous foul language will obviously not be tolerated anywhere anytime.*

## **PRIZES**

The winners of the originals section will receive a cheque for £500, a day in a recording studio, and two free rehearsals at QM Studios. They will also have a guaranteed headline at a future Alliance gig night.

The runners up in the originals section will receive a cheque for £100.

The third placed act in the originals section will receive a cheque for £50.

The winners of the covers section will receive a cheque for £100, free use of PA for 2 gigs plus a guaranteed support slot on a future Alliance gig night.

The winners of the songwriters section will receive £100.

There is also a discretionary "Spirit of the Competition" award of £25 for the individual artist or musician who most impresses the judges with their ability, talent, attitude, or performance.

## **ENQUIRIES**

All enquiries should initially be addressed to:-

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