

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

## RULES and REGULATIONS

The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee is excited to host a weekend of talent on **March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Pal Theater in downtown Vidalia, GA. Spots are limited, so **interested bands must fill out the attached entry form and submit it along with a demo and entry fee by March 1<sup>st</sup>**. All entry forms and demos need to be sent to the following:

Vidalia Area Convention and Visitors Bureau  
100 Vidalia Sweet Onion Drive, Suite A  
Vidalia, GA 30474  
Fax: 912-538-1466

**Bands will be selected by Vidalia Onion Festival Committee designees.**

- ❖ Band selection will be determined on a “first come, first serve” basis. In the event that more bands submit an entry form than spots allowed, some bands will not have the opportunity to participate in this event. **Bands will be notified of their acceptance in this competition by March 8, 2012. These bands will receive an acceptance packet that will further explain the competition for that weekend.**
- ❖ All participating bands will have the opportunity to play during the festival weekend (April 27-28, 2012) in front of thousands of people. The winners of the competition will have the privilege of opening for the Saturday night featured act, Craig Morgan.
- ❖ Band name and lyrics of performance songs must not contain any obscenities. The entire performance must be free of violence, vulgar language, and suitable for a family audience.
- ❖ The band members must supply the musical instruments and equipment. A sound system will be available at the competition. Band members are responsible for the security of their equipment, and the event organizers cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen equipment.
- ❖ All bands will receive equal amounts of time on stage (**60 minutes of total time**), which includes set-up and take-down time. When a band is done performing, they are expected to allow for the next band to get on stage as quickly as possible.
- ❖ Time-slots will be assigned randomly before the competition and all bands will be notified (by March 8th).
- ❖ There will be a required band/organizer meeting prior to the start of the performance. Bands will meet with the organizers in charge and review any last minute announcements. Bands may also unload equipment at that time.

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- ❖ A panel of judges will score musicians using a point system. Criteria to be considered may include: Stage Presentation, Sound Volume & Clarity, Band Synchronization, Time Management, Song Quality & Originality and Band Enthusiasm.
- ❖ Please note that the competition will be held in an entertainment outlet which will serve alcohol. No one under the age of 21 will be served alcohol during this competition.
- ❖ The Vidalia Onion Festival Committee reserves the right to change, amend or add to the rules and regulations of the competition without prior notice to the participants. Participants must agree to be bound by such amendments.