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Ada bands to compete in Teen Board Battle of the Bands

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— OKLAHOMA CITY – Two Ada bands could be \$1,000 richer after competing in the Oklahoma Heritage Association’s Teen Board Battle of the Bands.

Six bands were selected to compete in the Battle, and two of the bands that will compete for the first place \$1,000 cash prize hail from Ada. Forevermore, an alternative/rock band and a competitor in the inaugural 2008 Battle, includes Ada High School students Collin Low, Ethan Low, Aaryn Lee and Travis Gold. Injunuity, a Native American rock band, includes Ada residents Brad Clunch, Jeff Carpenter, Robbie Blair and James Purdy.

The Ada bands’ competitors are: The Transit Message, Edmond/Oklahoma City; Tritium, Edmond; Jordan Bailey, Yukon; and Hold ‘Em High, Edmond.

The Battle will take place March 28 from 5 -9 p.m. in the parking lot of the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Planned and implemented entirely by the Association & Museum’s 28-student Teen Board, the Battle was created to give Oklahoma bands an opportunity to showcase their talent.

Since beginning their terms in September, the high school students have been hard at work raising sponsorship dollars, recruiting bands and publicizing the event, all while gaining a greater appreciation of their roots. In the midst of planning, the members of the Teen Board have remained focused on their goal to put on a great show that benefits both the competitors and the community.

“The Battle of the Bands will provide bands representing a variety of genres and age groups an opportunity to showcase their talents to the community,” said Sam Smith, Teen Board member and a sophomore at Ada High School. “The idea of the battle fits really well with the mission of the OHA because it goes to show that no matter a person’s age, anyone can make an impact on the state, whether it be through music, art, science, sports or anything else.”

In addition to featuring a variety of bands, the battle will feature a raffle for front-row seats at an OKC Thunder game, autographed memorabilia from famous Oklahomans and gift cards to local restaurants, hotels and retail outlets.

Proceeds from the event will benefit educational programs at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum. Last year’s board gave more than \$15,000, allowing more than 2,000 kids to tour the Museum for free and providing scholarships for several other educational programs.

The OHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Oklahoma’s history and promoting pride in our great state. Through each of its programs and the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum, the organization strives to tell Oklahoma’s story through its people. Located at NW 13th Street and Shartel Avenue, the high-tech, interactive Museum houses exhibits that honor the lives and achievements of Oklahoma’s finest citizens, many of whom have made an impact on the state and nation’s music scene.

“Who knows – maybe our winning band will someday find themselves in the Museum alongside other music notables like Charlie Christian, Reba McEntire and Toby Keith,” said Smith.

Tickets can be purchased prior to the event for \$8 at the admissions desk of the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum at NW 13th Street and Shartel Avenue in Oklahoma City or by calling 405-523-3208. They can also be purchased at the door the day of the event for \$10. For more information about the Battle, Association or Museum, visit www.oklahomaheritage.com or call 405-523-3208.

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