

# Circle K Tempe Music Festival SRP GARAGE BAND COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

## 2008 CIRCLE K TEMPE MUSIC FESTIVAL SRP GARAGE BAND COMPETITION

**ELIGIBILITY-** The 2008 Circle K Tempe Music Festival SRP Garage Band Competition is open to all Arizona High School and College Students. Bands must be comprised of not less than one-half(50%) of its members currently enrolled in an accredited Arizona High School curriculum and/or an accredited Arizona State, Community, or Private University/College. (Band members 17 years or younger must furnish the downloadable consent form with their entry.) All applicants must submit proof of eligibility (i.e. photo copy of a Current Student ID or Transcript).

**HOW TO ENTER-**To enter, follow the links starting at ([www.ecollegeimes.com](http://www.ecollegeimes.com) or [tempemusicfestival.com](http://tempemusicfestival.com)) and submit the following: (1) the online Entry Form; (2) each band member's legal name, address, email address, phone number, age, their instrument in the band. (3) Two MP3 format files of band's original recordings; music of any genre will be accepted. (4) Electronic "jpg" or "gif" format publicity photograph of the entire band (5) A biography about the band. (150 words or less) (6) All lyrics must accompany both MP3s. Limit one entry per band. All Entry Materials (excluding the underlying copyright in such material) become the property of Tempe Music Festival and will not be returned.

**COMPETITION -** All entries will be compiled and a staff /industry person will select up to 100 bands (50 High School; 50 College). Bands will be classified into two "categories": 1) High School; 2) College. If a band consists of members from both categories, the Festival reserves the right to place them in either category, at its sole discretion.

**SELECTION PROCESS-** For each category, there will be up to five (5) divisions of competing bands posted on the [ecollegeimes.com](http://ecollegeimes.com) website. Voters may vote, as often as they like for their favorite bands. Bands are assigned to each division are random and not assigned based on any specific criteria, genre, etc.

Each week, twelve (12) bands (6 high schools and 6 college) will be selected. Six (6) high school bands to perform live at Desert Ridge Marketplace and six (6) college bands to perform live at Tempe Marketplace. Ten (10) bands will be chosen by popular vote on [ecollegeimes.com](http://ecollegeimes.com) (consisting of five (5) high school and five (5) college bands); and two (2) "wildcards" as selected at the discretion of the judges. The Tempe Music Festival and [ecollegeimes.com](http://ecollegeimes.com) reserve the right, at their discretion, to disqualify any participating band for any reason whatsoever.

In each of the 3 rounds at Desert Ridge Marketplace and Tempe Marketplace, bands will be reviewed by a judging panel to determine bands that will proceed to the final rounds. Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- On-Line / Interactive Voting
- Entertainment Value
- Originality
- Overall Performance

- Musical Quality
- Quality of Materials Submitted
- Crowd Reaction (for live performances)
- Other

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**Round 1-** The 1<sup>st</sup> heat of voting on [ecollegeimes.com](http://ecollegeimes.com), will commence February 5th thru 12th, 2008. On February 13, 2008, a total of twelve bands, six (6) high and six (6) college will be selected. Six (6) high school bands will be chosen to perform on February 16, 2008 at Desert Ridge Marketplace, in front of a live judging panel. In addition; six (6) college bands will be chosen to perform at Tempe Marketplace on February 16, 2007. Bands that are not selected to perform live will be re-entered and eligible for future rounds. Selected bands from both categories must be available to perform live at Desert Ridge Marketplace or Tempe Marketplace at their assigned time on February 16, 2008. Bands not able to perform at their designated time will automatically forfeit their participation in this competition and alternate bands will be selected at the discretion of the judges. The top band from each category (plus one (1) additional band chosen at the sole discretion of the judges) at the February 16, 2008 live performance will advance to the Semi-finals on March 8th and will participate in the television taping of the COX ROX program to be aired on Cox 7. The remaining 9 bands are eliminated from the competition.

**Round 2-** The 2nd heat of voting on [ecollegeimes.com](http://ecollegeimes.com), will commence February 12th thru 19th, 2008. On February 20, 2008 a total of twelve bands (12) bands, six (6) high school and six (6) college will be selected. Six (6) high school bands will be chosen to perform on February 23, 2008 at Desert Ridge Marketplace in front of a live judging panel. In addition; on February 20, 2008 six (6) college bands will be chosen to perform at Tempe Marketplace. Bands that are not selected to perform live will be re-entered and eligible for future rounds. Selected bands from both categories must be available to perform live at Desert Ridge Marketplace or Tempe Marketplace at their assigned time on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Bands not able to perform at their designated time will automatically forfeit their participation in this competition and alternate bands will be selected at the discretion of the judges. The top band from each category (plus one (1) additional band, chosen at the sole discretion of the judges) at the February 23, 2008 live performance will advance to the Semi-finals on March 8, 2008 and will participate in the television taping of the COX ROX program to be aired on Cox 7. The remaining 9 bands are eliminated from the competition.

**Round 3-** The 3rd heat of voting on [ecollegeimes.com](http://ecollegeimes.com), will commence February 19th thru 26th, 2008. On February 27, 2008 a total of twelve bands, six (6) high school and six (6) college will be selected. Six (6) high school bands will be chosen to perform on March 1, 2008 at Desert Ridge Marketplace in front of a live judging panel. In addition; on February 27, 2008 six (6) college bands will be selected to perform on March 1, 2008 at Tempe Marketplace. Selected bands from both categories must be available to perform live at Desert Ridge Marketplace or Tempe Marketplace at their assigned time and location on March 1, 2008. Bands not able to perform at their designated time or location will automatically forfeit their participation in this competition and alternate bands will be selected at the discretion of the judges. The top band from each category (plus one (1) additional band, chosen at the sole discretions of the judges) at the March 1, 2008 live performance will advance to the Semi-finals on March 8, 2008 and will participate in the television taping of the COX ROX program to be aired on Cox 7. The remaining 9 bands are eliminated from the competition.

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**Semi-finals** - The Semi-finals taping of the COX ROX program to be aired on Cox 7 will consist of the top nine (9) bands chosen from the live competition at the Desert Ridge Marketplace and Tempe Marketplace Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 1. These 9 bands will be required to perform on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at their designated time at a location TBD for the Cox Rox Taping. Bands not able to perform at their designated time will automatically forfeit their participation in this competition and alternative bands will be selected at the discretion of the judges. Voting to determine the top six bands (two bands from each category, plus two wild cards) from this semi-final round will be conducted March 17th-23<sup>rd</sup> on [ecollege.com](http://ecollege.com) and Cox 7-AZ Interactive. Broadcast times for Cox Rox on Cox7-AZ are 3/17/08 at 8pm M.S.T., 3/21/08 at 7pm M.S.T., 3/22/08 at 9pm M.S.T. and 3/23/08 at 1pm M.S.T. \* Broadcast times subject to change without notice.

**Finals** - The top six bands selected from the Semi-finals on March 8, 2008 will perform live at the Circle K Tempe Music Festival on March 29, 2008 on the SRP Garage Band Stage in front of a live judging panel. Bands not able to perform at their designated time will automatically forfeit their participation in this competition and alternative bands will be selected at the judge's discretion. Immediately following these Six (6) performances, judge's votes will be tallied. One band from each category with the best score will be selected to perform two songs prior to the performance by one of the Festival Headliner's on the Main Stage that same evening (specific performance times to be determined at the discretion of the Tempe Music Festival). Each performing band member will receive (1) working personal credential and (2) general admission guest passes for the Festival on March 3, 2008. Any additional tickets requested / required by the band must be purchased at full face value from the Festival Box Office.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:**

By participating in the Contest, participants agree to be bound by the decisions of Tempe Music Festival personnel. Persons who violate any rule, gain unfair advantage in participating in the Contest, or obtain winner status using fraudulent means will be disqualified. By participating, each band agrees to be bound by the official rules of the competition and the decisions of the Tempe Music Festival and the panel of judges, all of which shall be final and binding. The Tempe Music Festival has taken reasonable steps to create a fair and unbiased judging process. However, auditioning and/or competing at any stage or level in the competition DOES NOT ensure that you will be selected to continue to the next stage of the competition. The grand prize winner will be selected based on the total voting results of a panel of judges, who will be asked to participate in the selection of the semi-finalists, finalists, and the final grand prize winner based on criteria listed herein.

The Tempe Music Festival reserves the right to disqualify and/or exclude, in its sole and absolute discretion, any band from any part of the contest for any reason or for no reason at all, including without limitation, violation of any portion of these rules, or tampering with the entry or voting process. The Tempe Music Festival reserves the right to change the competition rules and procedures at any time.

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The Tempe Music Festival will interpret these rules and resolve any disputes, conflicting claims or ambiguities concerning the rules or the Contest and the Tempe Music Festival's decisions concerning such disputes shall be final. If the conduct or outcome of the Contest is affected by human error, any mechanical malfunctions or failures of any kind, intentional interference or any event beyond the control of the Tempe Music Festival, the Tempe Music Festival reserves the right to terminate this Contest, or make such other decisions regarding the outcome as the Tempe Music Festival deems appropriate. All decisions will be made by the Tempe Music Festival and are final. The Tempe Music Festival may waive any of these rules in its sole discretion. By submitting an entry form, the act (and each individual member thereof) grants all contest sponsors the right to utilize the act's (and each member's thereof) name, likeness, image, voice, appearance, and performance in perpetuity for any lawful promotional purposes whatsoever, in any and all media now known or thereafter developed, without compensation. The band hereby gives all clearance, copyright or otherwise, for the use of their name, likeness, image, voice, appearance embodied in their performance/state presentation.

Each member of the band represents warrants and agrees individually, and on behalf of the band as a whole that he/she and the band meet the eligibility requirements set forth in these Official Rules and that they have all necessary rights, licenses or permission to submit all Entry Materials. Bands that are selected to advance to the on-line voting competition will be notified by e-mail or phone approximately on or before February 5, 2008. Bands that do not advance will not be notified. Entry material, and any photographs and any footage taken of and including them during the course of their participation in the Contest will become express property of the Tempe Music Festival.

All members of the winning band agree to hold Tempe Music Festival, it's sponsors, and the Arizona Event Co., including their respective directors, officers, employees and assigns, harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of this competition and any and all performances. Winners assume all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claims to be caused, by participation in this promotion.

By participating in the Contest, each participant and winner waives any and all claims of liability against the Tempe Music Festival, Arizona Event Co. it's employees and agents, the contest sponsors and their respective employees and agents, for any personal injury or loss which may occur from the conduct of, or participation in, the Contest, or from the use of any prize. In order to receive a prize, participants must sign an official waiver form provided by the Tempe Music Festival.

**ANY ATTEMPT BY A CONTESTANT OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY CIRCUMVENT, DISRUPT OR DAMAGE ORDINARY AND NORMAL OPERATION OF THIS CONTEST, TELEPHONE SYSTEMS OR WEBSITES, OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, TEMPE MUSIC FESTIVAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PARTICIPANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

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## ADDITIONAL RULES

- All audio performances and live performances will be judged by a panel of experts, to be announced later, and graded upon a combination of on-line / interactive voting, musical quality, entertainment value, quality of materials submitted, originality, crowd reaction (for live performances) and overall performance. Total scores will be tallied to determine the “top bands” to move on to the next round.
- Profanity, offensive or violent lyrics and/or behavior will result in automatic elimination. Unsportsmanlike, disruptive, annoying, harassing or threatening behavior is prohibited.
- If deemed necessary, bands will agree to share use of backline gear during the live performances
- Bands will be given, in advance, specific schedules and set-up instructions for all live performance competitions. Failure to follow these instructions may result in automatic forfeiture in this competition.
- If at any time any of the elements of the band entry application, on-line voting or other conditions of the competition are found to have been falsified, tampered with, or otherwise manipulated, the band will be disqualified from further rounds of competition.
- Bands can not substitute or add to the original forming act (which was listed on the entry form)

**PRIZES:** The winning bands will each earn a cash scholarship valued at \$1,000 that will be donated to a music education program of their choice, sponsored by Salt River Project. The winning bands will have the opportunity to “open” for a headline entertainer on the Main Stage at the Circle K Tempe Music Festival on March 29, 2008. In addition, the winning bands from each category (1 High School and 1 College band) will be awarded an instrument package from Fender Musical Instruments Inc., with a retail value of \$2,500.

Each winner is solely responsible for reporting and paying any and all applicable taxes related to the prize(s) and paying any expenses associated with any prize which is not specifically provided for in the official rules. Any valuation of the prize(s) stated is based on available information provided to the Tempe Music Festival, and the value of any prize awarded to a winner may be reported for tax purposes as required by law. Each winner must provide the Tempe Music Festival with valid identification and a valid taxpayer identification number or social security number before any prize will be awarded. Any person winning over \$600 in prizes from the Tempe Music Festival will receive an IRS form 1099 at the end of the calendar year and a copy of such form will be filed with the IRS.

**WINNERS LIST-** For the name of the Grand Prize winning band send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Arizona Event Co., 7542 E Camelback Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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