

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

HIGH SCHOOL

**BATTLE
OF THE
BANDS**

MAIN STREET FESTIVAL

FRANKLIN, TN

APRIL 29, 2018

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Dark Horse Institute and the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County Announce Battle of the Bands Competition

FRANKLIN, TN, March 20, 2018—Dark Horse Institute and the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County are pleased to announce the first annual Battle of the Bands at this year's Main Street Festival, in Franklin, Tennessee, to be held from Noon until 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 29, 2018.

As part of the fun-filled weekend of music, arts and crafts, food and children's activities, the expected crowd of more than 100,000 will enjoy performances by the best high school-aged contemporary musicians in Williamson County as they compete for more than \$10,000.00 in prizes.

"We're so pleased that Dark Horse Institute has joined us as a sponsor for this year's Main Street Festival," says Heritage Foundation CEO, Bari Beasley. "Their commitment to discovering and developing young talent is a perfect match for the Heritage Foundation's ongoing support of the arts, education and community life."

The competition is open to all high school students who are currently enrolled in Williamson County public, private, or registered home school programs. Entrants are required to submit a two-song demo recording or video of either original or cover songs to the Battle of the Bands website no later than Midnight, Sunday, April 8, 2018.

Nine finalists will be chosen to perform at the Main Street Festival on Sunday, April 29, 3 each in the categories of Soloist, Small Group, and Full Band. Each category winner will receive a prize package and the Grand Prize winner will receive awards worth more than \$10,000, including recording sessions at world-famous Dark Horse Recording and scholarships to study either audio engineering or the music business at Dark Horse Institute.

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Dark Horse Institute President, Tom Willett, comments, "With our post-secondary education program located at the Factory, and our award-winning, 4-studio recording complex, Dark Horse Recording, in West Franklin, we're thrilled to have a chance to give back to this wonderful community by showcasing the musical work of area high schoolers—not to mention their teachers and parents!"

Students wishing to participate may visit
www.darkhorseinstitute.com/battleofthebands.

About Dark Horse Institute

Dark Horse Institute has helped hundreds of young men and women launch careers in audio engineering, music production and the music business for more than seven years. Identified as one of the Top 10 Audio Engineering, Music Production and Music Business schools in America, and certified by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the school's graduates have worked with artists such as Luke Bryan, Carrie Underwood, Britney Spears, for King & Country, Billy Joel, will.i.am, Sean Paul and countless others. For more information, visit www.darkhorseinstitute.com, or call (615) 791-7020.

About the Heritage Foundation

The Heritage Foundation preserves the communities and cultural heritage of Williamson County. We work with area leaders to continually care for historic spaces, treasured landmarks, and cherished local businesses. For more information, visit <https://williamsonheritage.org>.