

Battle of the Bands 2004

The Julianna Theory headlines LEB's year-end spectacular

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April 30, the last day of class, is going to rock. Literally.

That's when Lion Entertainment Board presents its second annual "Battle of the Bands" concert. This year, the stage will spotlight 12 bands in competition to be labeled best band. The bands are local bands, coming from as far as Aliquippa. The age of the bands' members vary also, with some as young as high school.

Headliner the Julianna Theory, featuring Number One Fan, will round out the concert with a performance at 8 p.m. LEB members had been trying to find a headliner for some time and ran into roadblocks such as scheduling conflicts and lack of funding, explained LEB executive director Dave Daquelente.

Number One Fan was one of the board's first choices but the band's tour

manager could not be reached after several tries.

"The funny thing with Number One Fan is that we got a press kit from them and I really wanted to book them because I really liked their sound," said Jen Bragan, nightclub director of LEB. "But I couldn't get ahold of them so we went ahead and booked the Julianna Theory, who was like 'Hey, by the way, we're bringing Number One Fan with us.'"

The music is set to rock at 2 p.m. with each of the 12 bands playing 20 minutes sets. Ten minutes in between each band will allow for set-up and tear down. While the stage rocks, students have the opportunities to take advantage of listening to the bands or participating in the day's other events.

Inflatable sumo wrestling and jousting, in addition to food, will be happening from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the food will be served at 5 p.m.



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Brett Deter of the Julianna Theory will be at LEB's Battle of the Bands on April 30.

"We kind of planned the event to be sort of a blowing-off," said Bragan. "It's something you can just come to and listen to music after a semester's worth of work. You can beat out your

frustrations with the joust or sumo wrestling, or you can eat nachos until your brain explodes. You're just going to have a good time."

Bragan described The Julianna Theory's style of music as alternative rock.

"Of the 12 bands, there's a good streak of hardcore going through," said Bragan. "One band in particular sounds like the early Beatles."

The number of applicants raised significantly this year thanks to relaxed entry rules.

"We got rid of the restrictions that said at least one band member must be from Behrend, Mercyhurst, Edinboro or Gannon," said Bragan. "This year there was 21 entries and we had to turn nine away."

The selection process involved 15 members and took approximately six hours, explained Bragan.

The bands were randomly numbered and their tracks judged by three differ-

ent criteria; originality, musicianship and overall fee.

"Say a band was really musically talented," said Bragan. "If they had tight composition, but you just didn't like their feel, then you could discount them in that category."

This year's winner will receive a cash prize to be determined, in addition to other various prizes and an automatic bid to next year's Battle of the Bands.

Close to 1,500 students enjoyed the first annual battle last year, with 600 students crowding the stage to listen to the headliner. Daquelente has approximated the LEB has spent the last four to six months intensively planning this event.

"It takes every single member of LEB to pull this event off," said Daquelente. "A lot of time and effort was put into this event."

Scheduled to Appear

Anesthetic
Anne Gohra
Code Green
Dark Horse
Instant Evolution
Tommy Magik and
the Wonderfulls

Waiting for Never
The Narrows
Point Zero
Rhetoric
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Arts & Entertainment Highlights

Top 40 Singles

1. "Yeah"-Usher feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris
2. "This Love"-Maroon5
3. "Toxic"-Britney Spears
4. "My Band"-D12
5. "My Immortal"-Evanescence
6. "With You"-Jessica Simpson
7. "The Reason"-Hoobastank
8. "Topsy"-J-Kwon
9. "One Call Away"-Chingy feat. J. Weav
10. "Naughty Girl"-Beyonce Knowles

According to Billboard.com

Album Releases on April 27

- "8:09" -- Joey McIntyre
- "Re.present" -- Jimmy's Chicken Shack
- "Year of the Cat" -- Al Stewart

New Movie Releases

- "13 Going on 30," starring Jennifer Garner
- "Man on Fire," starring Denzel Washington

DVD Releases on April 27

- "Big Fish"
- "The Cooler"
- "Stuck on You"