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**ROCKONSIN State Finals Hit the Summerfest Stage**

***Johnson Controls World Sound Stage June 24 & June 25***

Celebrating 18th year of Youth Garagebands Rockin’ Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (May 15, 2022) –The 2022 ROCKONSIN State Finals will be conducted on June 24 & June 25 at Summerfest from Noon – 2:30pm each day on the Johnson Controls World Sound Stage.

Ten statewide garage bands representing Wisconsin high schools and middle schools from Ashland to Muskego and Chippewa Falls to Cedarburg and in between have been selected, by three music industry judges, to perform 20 minute showcases at the ROCKONSIN State Finals.

*Performance times and band listings are subject to change.*

**JOHNSON CONTROLS WORLD SOUND STAGE**

(each band plays a 20 minute showcase set)

Friday June 24 (Noon - 2:30pm)

12:10 – 12:30pm **What We Once Had** (Rock) Lake Mills High School

12:40 – 1:00pm **Dollar Dog** (Rock) Cedarburg High School

1:10 – 1:30pm **Just Jonas** (Alternative) Muskego High School

1:40 – 2:00pm **Indigo Basement** (Alternative) Mequon Homestead High

School

2:10 – 2:30pm **Geology Club** (Rock) Waukesha West High School

Saturday June 25 (Noon – 2:30pm)

12:10 – 12:30pm **Conrad & the Comrades** (Brass Rock) Chippewa Falls High

School

12:40 – 1:00pm **The Diddymakers** (Rock) Wausau West High School

1:10 – 1:30pm **Ember Sky** (Rock) Chippewa Falls High School & Middle

School

1:40 – 2:00pm **Sacrament** (Metal) Muskego High School

2:10 – 2:30pm **A Little Stitious** (Rock) Ashland & Chequamegon High Schools

The 2022 winning & runner-up bands will be announced on Saturday June 25th at 6:00pm on Facebook, Instagram & Tik-Tok @rockonsin.

Each of the 10 bands will perform for 20 minute showcases on the Johnson Controls World Sound Stage and will be evaluated by a different set of three music industry judges, for the State Finals, on expression/creativity/technique, rhythm/vocals, primary beats/blend/time, synergy and a summary of each musician knowing their role and how the band jells as one musical unit. Each band, after their Summerfest performance, will receive a private verbal critique from one of the judges.

“Come join us at The Big Gig to see these 10 talented statewide garagebands rock the Summerfest stage showcasing their love of music and performance and cheer on these young musicians as they shine in the spotlight when they perform at The World’s Largest Music Festival.” said ROCKONSIN Founder & Producer Dennis Graham.

The 2022 ROCKONSIN winning and runner-up bands will each perform a second prize winning 40 minute showcase gig at The Big Gig on the Briggs & Stratton Big Backyard Stage on July 8th with the runner-up hitting the stage at 2:00pm followed by the winning band at 2:50pm.

The winner and runner-up each win a professional recording session at Madison’s Blast House Studios (Winner: 12 hours; Runner-up: 8 hours). Each of the 10 State Finalist bands receive two (2) Shure microphones (one vocal and one instrument with cords). The winning band will also receive a Shure wireless vocal microphone system.

ROCKONSIN, which is brought to you by the Nicholas Family Foundation, is also made possible with the generous support of these sponsors that have a passion for providing opportunities to recognize and showcase the talents of these young bands: MAMA (Madison Area Music Association), Knupp, Watson & Wallman (KW2), Tilt Media, Shure, and Summerfest. This program is produced by Dennis Graham Associates that founded, in 2005, this statewide competition for 7th – 12th grade Wisconsin students which is still the only alternative statewide music competition of its kind in the nation.

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