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## **Contest to determine opening act for Liberty by the Lake**

THE COLONY, Texas — Local bands looking to get out of the garage and onto a big stage should sign up now for the City of The Colony's first-ever Best of the Bands competition.

Best of the Bands is a contest for any local and area band to compete for the opportunity to perform as the opening act at The Colony's annual Fourth of July festival, Liberty by the Lake, an event that boasts more than 15,000 attendees each year.

The competition is scheduled for Friday, June 21, at Stewart Creek Park in The Colony. Contestants will play 30-minute sets, with 15 minutes on each end for set-up and takedown of their equipment. Bands may be of any size and play any style of music.

However, Best of the Bands and Liberty by the Lake are family events. Songs with profanity are not acceptable, and any band using inappropriate language will be disqualified from the contest. Microphones will be provided but bands must bring their own instruments or any other equipment required.

To enter, visit the city's website, [www.thecolonytx.gov](http://www.thecolonytx.gov), and click on the tab for the City Manager's Arts Committee (located under "Government"). From there, you will find an online submission form and contest FAQ. Each band must submit two songs for review by the selection committee, along with a band bio, contact information, and photo.

Best of the Bands was conceived by the City Manager's Arts Committee (CMAC), an organization tasked with developing and promoting arts in the community in partnership with The Colony City Manager's office. The idea for the contest grew out of the Jammin' in the Park series as another way for local bands to showcase their talent and play at a larger event, proving additional exposure to rising talent.

The specific start time for the contest is to be determined. The winner will be notified after the final performance on the day of the contest. For more information, send email to the City Manager's Arts Committee at [cmac@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:cmac@thecolonytx.gov).

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