

# CincyJams 2022: Rules Overview



**Mission Statement: Bring the community together to celebrate the arts in our region and spread awareness for ArtsWave.**

Official contest rules will be posted on ArtsWave's website at a later date and are subject to change.

## The Event:

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- **ArtsWave CincyJams:** May 19, 2022, 7 p.m., Hard Rock Café located in Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati

## Prizes Awarded:

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- **Fan Favorite:** One coaching session with Drew Lachey (through Lachey Arts) and one session with the Bootsy Collins Family (through the Bootsy Collins Foundation), Studio recording time from Cincinnati Music Accelerator, vinyl copy of recorded song(s), Hard Rock gifts, Paid performance at BLINK®
- **Fan-Funded:** Cincinnati Music Festival Passes for you and a guest, Hard Rock gifts, Paid performance at BLINK®
- **Runner-Up:** Beer for a Year from Fretboard Brewing Company, miscellaneous Hard Rock merchandise and arts tickets to local events

## Determining a Winner:

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- Fan Favorite and Runner-Up will be decided by audience reaction via a decibel meter at the event.
- Fan-Funded will be decided by fundraising dollars. The team with the highest amount raised at the end of the event will win.

## How to Form a Band and Enter the Competition:

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- **At least two band members must be employees or retirees from the company/organization.**
- Bands must be comprised of at least three members with at least two playing instruments and can be any instrumentation. (A drum set will be provided on stage at the competition as it is not possible to switch out drums between acts)
- Bands can form in any way they choose and multiple bands may compete from the same company
- Full-time, paid, professional performers are not permitted. If a person has a non-performance day job along with a paid performance job, they can perform.
- To enter the competition, form a band and contact Ryan Strand ([ryan.strand@artswave.org](mailto:ryan.strand@artswave.org)) by May 1

## Performance/Event How To's and Rules:

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- **Bands may choose any two songs to perform** from any musical style or genre (number of songs subject to change based on total competition entrants). Make sure lyrics are work-appropriate.
  - **Bands may be required to reduce the number of songs performed to one (1)** if there are more than 10 teams participating. If this happens, teams will be notified and the rule will apply to all teams. Please still prepare a second song, however, as if you are a winner you may be asked to perform an 'encore' if time allows on the night of the competition.
- **The total performance time must not exceed 8 total minutes** — note that this does NOT include getting on & off stage, instrument set-up, etc.
- **All technical needs (speakers, microphones, cables, technicians etc.) will be provided by the venue or ArtsWave.** Any specialty equipment (pedals, effects boards, etc.) will need to be provided by performers and communicated to ArtsWave prior to performance.
- **All singing and music must be produced onstage LIVE** (no backing tracks or pre-recorded vocals)
- **Teams ARE allowed to modify lyrics.** In fact, modifying lyrics to be funny, touching, interesting, etc. may help you win over the audience!