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**ROCKONSIN State Finals Hit the Summerfest Stage**

***Generac Stage June 23 & June 24***

Celebrating 19th year of Youth Garagebands Rockin’ Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. (May 30, 2023) –The 2023 ROCKONSIN State Finals will be conducted on June 23 & June 24 at Summerfest from Noon – 2:30pm each day on the Generac Stage.

Ten statewide garage bands representing Wisconsin high schools and middle schools from Ashland to Muskego and Chippewa Falls to Milwaukee 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.*

**GENERAC POWER STAGE**

June 23

12:10pm – 12:30pm The Lightways (Rock)

Germantown, Sussex, Menomonee Falls, Brookfield East Middle Schools

12:40pm – 1:00pm Shock Therapy (Metal)

Campbellsport High School

1:10pm – 1:30pm blue island (Alternative)

Whitefish Bay, Brookfield East, Milwaukee Rufus King, & Shorewood High Schools

 1:40pm – 2:00pm The Double Sharps (Rock)

Hartland Arrowhead Union High School

2:10pm – 2:30pm Too Much Tension (Rock)

 Green Bay Preble High School

June 24

12:10pm – 12:30pm 30 Minute Difference (Rock)

 Chippewa Falls Middle & High Schools

 12:40pm – 1:00pm Geology Club (Rock)

 Waukesha West High School

 1:10pm – 1:30pm SACRAMENT (Metal)

 Muskego High School

1:40pm -2:00pm A Little Stitious (Rock)

Park Falls Chequamegon & Ashland High Schools

2:10pm – 2:30pm Resonate (Rock)

Eau Claire Messiah Lutheran School &

 Chippewa Falls Middle & High Schools

The 2023 winning & runner-up bands will be announced on Saturday June 24th at 6:00pm on Facebook, Instagram & Tik-Tok @rockonsin.

Each of the 10 bands will perform for 20 minute showcases on the Generac 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.

“ROCKONSIN State Finals will showcase ten outstanding 7th – 12th grade Wisconsin garagebands at Summerfest. Join us in cheering on the cool new wave of young hot Badger State bands making waves in their backyards – next up The World’s Largest Music Festival!” said ROCKONSIN Founder & Producer Dennis Graham.

The 2023 ROCKONSIN winning and runner-up bands will each perform a second prize winning 40 minute showcase gig at The Big Gig on the UScellular Connection Stage on July 7th with the runner-up hitting the stage at 12:45pm followed by the winning band at 1:35pm.

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 statewide sponsors that have a passion for providing opportunities to recognize and showcase the talents of these young bands: MAMA (Madison Area Music Association),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.

For more information on ROCKONSIN including up to date news, to run off a State Finals poster and more, go to [www.ROCKONSIN.org](http://www.ROCKONSIN.org)and follow on Facebook, Instagram and Tik-Tok @rockonsin.