

CincyJams 2020: Official Rules

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

****All rules subject to change****



The Events:

- **CincyJams:** Thursday, March 19, Woodward Theater, OTR
- **CincySings Finals:** Thursday, April 9, 2020, 7pm-9pm, Music Hall

Prizes Awarded:

- **Fan Favorite** (decided by audience reaction): Performance at Music Hall for CincySings 2020; guaranteed entry CincyJams 2021; other prizes TBD
- **Fan Funded** (decided by audience donations): Performance at Music Hall for CincySings 2020; guaranteed entry into CincySings 2021
 - **Grand Prize** (TBD) and bragging rights to be awarded at CincySings Finals on April 9. Winner decided by audience reaction.

How to Form a Band and Enter the Competition:

- Bands must be comprised of at least 3 members 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 (This is subject to change based on number of bands interested and competing, see below)
- At least two band members must be employees or retirees from the company.
- Paid, professional performers are not permitted.
- **To enter the competition, form a band and contact Andre DuBois (contact below) no later than February 1, 2020. Based on the number of entrants, after this time ArtsWave reserves the right to request a demo to select the final participating bands.**

Performance/Event How To's and Rules:

- **Bands may choose any song to perform** from any musical style or genre
- **Any and all song lyrics must be workplace-appropriate** (no parental advisory allowed!)
- **The total performance time must not exceed 4 total minutes** — note that this does NOT include getting on & off stage, instrument set-up, etc. However, please endeavor to make setup and entrances as quick as possible.
- **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. We'll be in contact about any special circumstances as the competition gets closer.
- **All singing and music must be produced onstage LIVE** (no backing tracks or pre-recorded vocals)
- **Teams may provide a background image, PowerPoint or video** to be projected behind their performance *for the Music Hall Finals only*. Media will be sent to ArtsWave no later than two weeks before the competition.
- **Teams ARE allowed to modify lyrics.** In fact, modifying lyrics to be funny, touching, interesting, etc. may help you win over the audience!
- **The Audience is the judge!** Play to them and engage with those in the room to win!

Please Note:

To help ArtsWave achieve our fundraising goal, we ask that companies participating in CincyJams contribute to the event by purchasing a block of tickets to CincyJams and the CincySings Finals at Music Hall