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First Night® Morris County Launches Battle of the Bands to Help Local Teens and Future Artists

Morristown, NJ – Most of us, even the musically challenged, have dreamed of being the next “American Idol.” This year, First Night® Morris County will add a unique opportunity for local teens and young adults to perform at First Night Morris County with the launch of Battle of the Bands. The entertainment begins at 5pm on Saturday, December 3, at Greenberry’s of Morristown with the first of several pre-event shows. The first show will feature a performance by UnTitled’s. Upon completion of the pre-event performances the top bands will play the night of First Night, New Year’s Eve, with the winner receiving \$250 towards their education and free music lessons from “The Original Music School.” Voting will take place on First Night Morris County’s social media and web sites with video highlights of the pre-event shows.

“The path to becoming a professional musician is difficult, trying, and full of hard work. Getting the right break along with the right support and education can make all the difference in an artist’s success,” explained Music Producer and industry veteran, Anthony Vitale of The Original Music School. Vitale’s school is well-matched to assist in the outreach effort with new studios at 26 Morris Street in Morristown and a staff of music development professionals available to assist performers.

First Night Morris County’s Battle of the Bands was designed with the help of industry experts such as Anthony, as well as community leaders, to ensure that all involved have as positive an experience as possible. First Night Morris County’s Chairman, Michael Schmidt, is no stranger to performing, as his band, Odd Man Out, performed a decade ago at the event he now leads into its 20th Anniversary. “First Night Morris County is a great experience with something for everyone. We offer a socially responsible, alcohol-free celebration with nearly 80 high quality performances throughout Morristown on New Year’s Eve. Each year we look for new ways to continue to help the communities we serve. This year we focused on a variety of areas, one of which was developing our future artists, and we are very fortunate to have the resources to help support this initiative.” For more information on First Night Morris County or to become a performer for Battle of the Bands please visit FirstNightMorris.com.