



Movin' On Music Festival  
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**MOVIN' ON 2017 BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION**

University Park, Pa., Mar. 20 – Movin' On, Penn State University's annual music festival, will be holding its annual Battle of the Bands competition on March 25, 2017 at 9:00pm in Alumni Hall. Eight bands will perform in hopes of earning the opportunity to be the opening act for Movin' On 2017. This year the winner will open the festival for country-duo Love and Theft, electro pop group Clean Bandit, rapper D.R.A.M, pop punk/rock group All Time Low and the indie rock group Two Door Cinema Club.

The first band to perform will be **Glory Days**. The band is no stranger to the Movin' On scene, having competed in the 2016 Battle of the Bands competition. A four-piece band that has a mix of pop punk and alternative rock sound, Glory Days uses progressive music and emotional lyrics that audiences can connect with. They are heavily influenced by artists like The Killers, State Champs, 30 Seconds to Mars, Yellow Card and John Mayer.

Newcomer to the Movin' On Battle of the Bands competition is solo

performer **RiZ**. Influenced by artists like Big Sean and Jay-Z, RiZ describes his music as primarily hip-hop with strong lyrical ability and pop appeal. Having previously performed around campus, RiZ is not shy from showcasing his talents to the Penn State community. One day, he aspires to return to Happy Valley to perform as a mainstage artist for Movin' On.

Third in the Battle of the Bands lineup is the blues-rock band **The Bikes**. Together since the fall of 2016, all members have met through Penn State's School of Music. They believe themselves to be musicians at the core and dedicate their lives to the craft at the deepest level. This will be their first time competing in Battle of the Bands and feel confident in their talent and ability to bring "something different to the table".

**Kenny Sukitch**, another solo artist, will be fourth in the Battle lineup. The blues-rock artist has been performing for six years and performed at Battle of the Bands 2016. He has written and produced all of his music in his dorm and apartment while at Penn State and is proud of his unique sound. Sukitch attributes his musical influences to artists like Jimi Hendrix, Hippo Campus, Gorillaz, John Mayer and the Black Keys.

**Cinnamane**, an upbeat, energetic rapper, is new to the Battle of the Bands scene, having only been performing for less than a year. Fifth in the lineup, Cinnamane says he raps with a unique style and beat and all his

performances always include some shock value. His musical influences include Childish Gambino, lil' Dicky and Logic.

The three-piece rock band **Mantra** will be performing sixth at Saturday's competition. The band has been performing together for four years and is well versed in the State College music scene, with two members working at local music shops. Known for their heavy and alternative rock sound, this will be the group's first time performing at the competition.

Performing seventh will be **Normal Force**, a band with each member studying engineering at Penn State. The band is only five months old but each member has been performing for over ten years in various other groups.

Closing out the competition will be **Zach Wade and the Good Grief**. New to the Battle of the Bands competition, the indie rock band has a catalog of original songs that run the gambit from modern rock bluegrass to Pink-Floyd-like jam sessions. Zach Wade and the Good Grief enjoys performing creative takes on old classics with the intention of making sure the whole audience is having a great time. The band has been performing for a year and a half.



For weeks, all eight bands have been rehearsing nonstop in hopes of claiming the title of being the opening act for Movin' On 2017. Catch these talented performers compete on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Alumni Hall of the HUB-Robeson Center. Doors will open at 8:30 pm and the competition will begin at 9:00pm. As we are now in the home stretch to Movin' On 2017, this is definitely an event you do not want to miss!

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