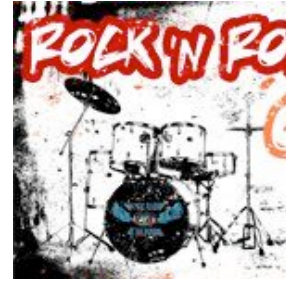


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### **Battle of the Bands Promises Fierce Competition**

Bragging rights contest among Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach and Corona del Mar high schools, and Thurston Middle School

Competition at Rock 'N Road's 6<sup>th</sup> annual live Battle of the Bands is going to be fierce, given that only four points separated the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place semi-finalists.

Orange County teen bands finishing in the Top Three slots, **Sharp Turn Ahead**, **Front Row Goons** and **Minus One Reality**, respectively, will be battling Saturday for the grand prize of a supervised recording session at the legendary Westlake Recording Studios. Additional prizes from Guitar Center will also be awarded.

Performing for school bragging rights as well as prizes, the three bands represent five area high schools and one middle school: *Sharp Turn Ahead*, 8th grade brothers from Thurston Middle School in Laguna Beach; *Front Row Goons*, three band mates, from Huntington Beach High School and one from Newport Beach High School, and *Minus One Reality*, three of four brothers from Corona del Mar High School.

Contestants perform live on stage from 11 am – 12:30 pm, with results announced at 1 pm. Bands are scored on vocal quality, instrumental quality, creativity, energy and originality. The other creative contest is the Battle of the Banners, rightly named, 5' x 3' Red Ribbon Week theme banners designed by over 25 OC schools and teen clubs. Everyone is invited to come out and vote for his or her favorite.

Rock 'N Road Music Festival, OC Red Ribbon Week's official kick-off event will be held this Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 2 pm at the Mission Viejo Village Green, behind the Norman P. Murray Community Center, 24932 Veterans Way in Mission Viejo.

Other events for the day include the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Mission Viejo's Walk Against Drugs, the Red Ribbon Safety Fair and O.C. Supervisor Pat Bates 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disaster Preparedness Expo. Come and enjoy the talent, interactive resource tables, games, rock wall, food and much more. Entry is free. For more information visit the Rock 'N Road OC website, RockNRoadOC.info and [www.CityofMissionViejo.org/Calendar](http://www.CityofMissionViejo.org/Calendar) for the MV Walk Against Drugs.



**About Rock ‘N Road OC:**

*Rock ‘N Road OC Music Festival is the annual kick-off event for Orange County’s Red Ribbon Week located at the Norman P. Murray Community Center in Mission Viejo. Three semi-finalist bands will compete live for a chance to win a recording session at the legendary Westlake Studios. Battle of the Bands event takes place on Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

**About the 3 Band Finalists:**

**Sharp Turn Ahead:**

Grade 8, from Thurston Middle School in Laguna Beach.

**Front Row Goons:**

Grades 9 – 11, from Huntington Beach and Newport Beach High Schools

**Minus One Reality-**

Ages 13 – 17, from Corona del Mar High School

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