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Richardson's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival Hosts Musical Talent Competitions May 17-19

Look out for the ultimate battle royale during the three-day festival with Battle of the Bands and Budding Vocal Talent Competitions

RICHARDSON, TX—April 4, 2019 – The Battle of the Bands and Budding Talent Vocal Competitions will offer emerging artists the opportunity to take center stage at the **Wildflower!** Arts and Music Festival, one of North Texas' largest outdoor music events.

Battle of the Bands Competition: The 11th Annual **Wildflower!** Arts and Music Festival Battle of the Bands Competition will take place Saturday, May 18 at 4:15 p.m. on the **Wildflower!** Plaza Stage, where three high school bands will battle it out for the grand prize and official winning title.

A qualifier round hosting up to 12 bands takes place prior to the festival at Six Springs Tavern in Richardson, TX. The bands that have already been selected to compete in the qualifier round include: All There Is, Bat Fowler, Blueline, Cinema For The Blind, Professor Rafe & the Fables, Maybe no Moons, and Fifth Phoenix. Battle of the Bands is supported by Guitars & Growlers. The qualifier will be April 27. There is still room for a few more bands at this month's qualifier round. To enter to compete in Battle of the Bands, visit <http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/battle-of-the-bands/>

Budding Talent Vocal Competition: For young performers with dreams of being a superstar, the **Wildflower!** Arts and Music Festival 2019 Budding Talent Vocal Competition is the chance to showcase emerging talent. Finalists will perform at **Wildflower!** on the UnitedHealthcare Singer Songwriter Stage in the Eisemann Center on Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m. A panel of judges will select a winner in each of the categories. For information on how to audition and participate, visit <http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/entertainment/budding-talent-vocal-competition/>

The 27th annual **Wildflower!** is a series of must-see events for everyone including live performances by national, regional and local bands, the Singer Songwriter Stage, contest and workshop, the family-friendly **WF!** Kids, the **WF!** Eats, the **WF!** Marketplace, and Performers Row showcasing strolling entertainers, buskers and acrobats.

WF! Kids: A perfect stop for your little rockers at heart this family fun place is filled with fun art, games, informative activities, and kid friendly tunes and more. **WF!** Kids features many festival favorite traditions.

WF! Marketplace: From accessories, to unique art, to home decor and unique clothing, the **WF!** Marketplace offers a one stop shop for local and regional goods.

2019 Wildflower! Festival Headliners Include: Fitz and the Tantrums, Judah & the Lion, Good Charlotte, Neon Trees, The Jacksons, Grand Funk Railroad, RATT, The Guess Who, Blue Oyster Cult, Quiet Riot, Zebra, Aeromyth, Crystal Bowersox, Darrell Scott, The Wooks, Jason Castro, L.A. Edwards, Big City Outlaws, Carolyn Wonderland & Shelley King, The Rich Girls and more.

A complete list of performances and venues, including more information about the Al Johnson Performing Songwriter Contest, Battle of the Bands and Budding Talent Vocal Competition, can be found online at www.wildflowerfestival.com.

Tickets to Wildflower! are available for purchase now. Three-day passes to the award-winning event can be purchased online only at www.wildflowerfestival.com for \$65. Single-day tickets (good for entry Friday or Saturday during the festival weekend) can be purchased online only for \$30. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$40. Sunday tickets can be purchased online for \$15 (\$20 at the gate). Tickets for kids ages 5-12 are \$5 and can be purchased online or at the gate; admission for kids 4 and under is free.

Friends of the Festival VIP Packages are \$375 and include two hospitality passes, reserved parking, poster, special seating, and a weekend of catered food and beverages.

For complete, up-to-date event information, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com, call 972-744-4580, or follow **Wildflower!** on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and use the official hashtag #WAMfest2019.

Major sponsors of Wildflower! include: Methodist Richardson, City of Richardson, Bud Light and Cupcake Vineyards.

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