



Present

PRAISE BAND CONTEST AND COACHING

JULY 26, 2011

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, PELL CITY, AL

DESCRIPTION

Contestants will be judged and coached on vocal and instrumental performance, stage presence, and ability to lead others in worship. A panel of expert coaches will judge the event and give helpful feedback to each competing band.

PRIZE

The winning band will have the opportunity to play at Ignite 2011, a festival in August that's conducted by First Priority of Birmingham.

Both the winning band and the runner-up band will receive free copies of *Pure Praise: A Heart-focused Study on Worship* by Dwayne Moore.

Winner will be announced after the competition.

ELIGIBILITY

Bands must consist of 3 or more members. No individuals. The majority of a band's members must be students in middle school, high school, or college. A minority of a band's members

can be adults. For bands to be able to compete in the contest they must register for and attend the morning and afternoon workshop led by Dwayne Moore.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

To enter you will need to send us 4 items: 1. An application, 2. an example of your performance on CD/DVD, 3. a recommendation letter from your pastor or youth pastor, and 4. a photo of your band. These must be mailed to Next Level Worship, PO Box 66, Arab, AL 35016 no later than July 15, 2011. You can also email these items to office@nextlevelworship.com. **SIGN UP NOW!**

RULES

- Contest will be limited to ten bands maximum.
- Each band will be allowed a maximum of 10 minutes for their performance.
- While each band is receiving feedback from the coaches, the next band will be setting up.
- Songs can be covers or your own compositions.
- A spirit of encouragement and Christ-likeness will be exemplified by the coaches and will be expected from each band. We want every band to be encouraged and helped from being in this competition.

LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE

Performance allotment times must not be longer than 10 minutes. You will have 3 minutes to plug-in and sound check before you play. You will have 2 minutes to tear down when you are finished.

STAGE INFORMATION

Stage is 32 feet wide, 16 feet deep and 36 inches high.

SOUND AND INSTRUMENTS

- We will provide the sound system. Included will be 6 floor monitors: 1 front with a vocal mix, 2 for drums and bass, 2 for guitars, and 1 for keyboards. Each monitor will have a

mix for its particular instrument. 3 microphones on boom stands will also be set up and available. If you prefer, you can bring a sound person to mix the sound for your band, if you request it in advance and our sound company agrees.

- We will provide an acoustic drum set and 2 keyboards for all bands to share. Please bring all guitars, guitar amps and other instruments you need that are not listed.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each application will be reviewed by the Contest Committee on the basis of the following:

1. Timely receipt of a completed application.
2. The recommendation of your pastor or youth pastor according to the recommendation letter.
3. Playing quality and the uniqueness of arrangement and delivery of the songs. NOTE: Quality of the recording is NOT a criterion. You don't have to have a studio quality sound—just the best “rough” recording you can provide will be fine.
4. Your band members must register for the workshop. Your church can do a church registration, or you can register just your band members. (If you have 5 or more, you will save money doing the church registration.) Go to nextlevelworship.com/workshop to register for the workshop.
5. 7-10 bands will be selected by July 19. Bands will be notified by phone or email on Wednesday, July 20.

The sole decision for the selection rests with the Contest Committee. The committee has the right to reject any application for any reason.

JUDGING

Contestants will receive a score from each coach on the coaches' panel. The score will be based on vocal and instrumental performance, stage presence, flow and presentation of the songs, and sensitivity and skill for leading others in worship.

If more information is needed, please email office@nextlevelworship.com or visit www.nextlevelworship.com/workshop.

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ENTRY FORM

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at New Hope Baptist Church, Pell City, AL

Name of Band Performing:

Name of Person Submitting Application:

Your Address/City/State/Zip:

Church You and/or Your Band Attends:

Contact Phone Number/Cell Number:

Email Address:

Number of People in Band:

Name	Age	Instrument Played and/or vocal	Attending What School (if any)?

Do you want to bring your own sound person to mix your sound?

How did you hear about this contest?

A Recommendation Letter, CD or DVD, and a photo of your band must be included with this application. Our contest committee will neither retain or return any materials you send us. Also, you must register for the workshop to be eligible to compete in the contest. Go to www.NextLevelWorship.com/workshop to register.

Applications must be mailed or emailed no later than July 15, 2011.

Please send your completed application and materials to:

Praise Band Contest
Next Level Worship, LLC
PO Box 66
Arab, AL 35016

Or you can email your application and materials to office@nextlevelworship.com.

You wish to enter the Praise Band Contest and Coaching event and you agree to abide by the rules provided by the Contest Committee. You certify that all information provided is true and accurate.

Your signature indicates that you have agreed to abide by all rules and regulations as presented in this application.

Representative Signature:

Please Print Name:

You will notified by phone or email if your group has been selected as a finalist.

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Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Praise Band Contest & Coaching, presented by Next Level Worship, WDJC, and First Priority of Birmingham. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!