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**Local and Regional Bands Battle It Out at Sound Off Live! October 18-19, 2017**

**Sound Off Live!**, Baltimore’s “Battle of the Bands” returns to showcase emerging bands from the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia region on **Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19 from 5-10pm** at the Hard Rock Cafe Baltimore located at 601 E. Pratt Street. The winning bands selected from Sound Off Live! will perform at Light City, (April 14-21, 2018) Artscape (July 20-22, 2018) or the Baltimore Book Festival (September 28-30, 2018). Over two nights, eighteen bands will have fifteen minutes to perform three songs in front of an audience and a panel of judges. A program of Free Fall Baltimore, the event is free and open to the public. Sound Off Live! is produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

Judges include Emmy-nominated singer/songwriter **ellen cherry**; **Tiye Jameson**, founder of the music blog *LyricFancy.com*; **Rob Starleigh**, owner of Starleigh Entertainment, a booking and event company; **Mike Evitts**, Vice President of Communications for Downtown Partnership of Baltimore; **Cortney Weinstock**, Park Events and Permits Manager for Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks and **Marcy Crump**, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of *The Flywire*, a media resource highlighting music entertainment and trendsetters. Doors open at 5pm, with the first performance beginning at 6pm. A full performance schedule is below:

Wednesday, October 18

Time	Band	Genre
6:00	Outcalls	Pop
6:30	King Adam	Hip Hop
7:00	Queen Wolf	Rock
7:30	QOK	Pop
8:00	Dead Atlantic	Metal
8:30	BeMaeva	World
9:00	Essential Vybe	Soul
9:30	Two Ton Twig	Bluegrass
10:00	Yam Yam	Funk

Thursday, October 19

Time	Band	Genre
6:00	JaneliaSoul	World
6:30	Eman the Heartbreak	Hip Hop
7:00	The Susquehanna Floods	Blues
7:30	Patchwork Fools	Pop
8:00	Seesaw Offenders	Electronic
8:30	Liberata	Folk
9:00	The Shrapnels	Jazz
9:30	Casual Encounter	EDM
10:00	This September	Funk

For more information on **Sound Off Live!**, visit <http://promotionandarts.org/events-festivals/sound-live>, find the event on [Facebook](#) or call 410-752-8632.

*The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, film office, and events agency. By producing large-scale events such as Light City, Artscape and the Baltimore Book Festival, and providing funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, BOPA's goal is to make Baltimore a more vibrant and creative city.*

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