



## In 2025, Battle of the Bands National Championship celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The annual event has been helping NZ bands establish themselves year after year; providing a platform for up and coming artists to gain valuable experience and win career building opportunities. During the 30 years BOTBs has sent bands on tour to Europe, Asia, Australia and all around NZ, given out prizes of thousands of hours of studio time at many of NZ and Australia's top studios, CD pressings, record releases, festival slots, given away amps, drums, guitars, mixing desks and much more and of course put on thousands of events in many cities in NZ's best live music venues.

Many well-known NZ music artists have been previous winners and finalists of the event; such as **FUNGI/(OPSHOP), TADPOLE, BLINDSPOTT, BAKERS EDDY, SKINNY HOBOS, STRANGELY AROUSING, TUNES OF I, BRENDON THOMAS & THE VIBES, THE RUBICS, TABLEFOX, ALIEN WEAPONERY, PALE LADY, VALKYRIE, Members of I AM GIANT, DEVILSKIN** and many more.

Each year the event consists of multiple live shows held at leading professional live music venues throughout the country. Bands from around NZ compete locally for a place at the National Finals and to win a huge prize pool; this year consisting of:

- **TOUR OF JAPAN – TOKYO TO OSAKA**
- **SINGLE RECORDING AT THE LAB RECORDING STUDIO IN AUCKLAND**
- **SINGLE MIXED IN AUSTRALIA BY WORLD RENOWNED UK PRODUCER STEVE JAMES**
- **MUSICAL EQUIPMENT FROM AUDIO TECHNICA AND JANSEN SOUND**
- **MUSIC VIDEO FROM SOUTH ISLAND MEDIA**
- **MUSIC VIDEO AIRPLAY ON JUICE TV**

Events will run throughout April, NZMM of May and June.

The **NATIONAL FINALS** are being held over two nights in Wellington at the legendary VALHALLA on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

BOTBs ran each year throughout the Covid years, with a scaled back schedule at times, working around the restrictions, it still went ahead regardless. This year BOTBs returns to many cities including Tauranga, Napier, Palmerston North, Dunedin, Queenstown, Invercargill as well as the regular cities of AKL, WLG, CHC and HAM.

As BOTBs celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the event's long term media partner Juice TV is back... a new era of independent music television; on Freeview Channel 200 and <https://www.juicetv.live/>



The 2025 National champions will win a TOUR OF JAPAN! With shows in The Tokyo and Osaka regions. Organised by BOTB founder/organiser, Andrew Featherstone along with Japanese agent partner Inter Idoru Artist Management. Andrew's own band THE AFTER recently toured Japan twice as part of their Asia Pacific Tours.

## Steve James

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Steve James has a remarkable career of successes in recorded music; Grammy Nominated & Aria Producer of the year winner. Growing up in the UK entertainment business, son of famed British Comedian / Actor, Sid James, star of the Carry On movies. Steve's credits include: Sex Pistols, Monty Python, Ginger Baker, Phil Lynott, Toyah, The Rutles, The Jam, The Screaming Jets, The Rumjacks, Mental as Anything, Cold Chisel, Weta, The After and many others. Steve is producing and mixing the winning band's single.



<https://www.labstudio.co.nz>

One of the longest operating and few remaining large recording studios in New Zealand, The Lab has a rich history in the NZ music industry with many well-known albums recorded here. Featuring a custom 70's Neve and an extensive collection of vintage, classic and industry standard recording equipment. Award winning The Lab co-owner and main engineer Olly Harmer will record the winning bands' single.



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<http://jansen.co.nz>

As the oldest sound company in New Zealand, Jansen has maintained a reputation for delivering high quality, reliable audio and lighting solutions since 1949. Jansen has been Battle of the Bands sponsors for several years now, we are very proud to be supported by this legendary NZ Music company. Jansen's world class brands, Allen & Heath, makers of the industry standard - professional's choice of mixing desks; and Audio Technica, the world's leading microphone brand, are both supplying fantastic prizes to the winning band as well as for the runners up and individual prizes.



<https://www.juicetv.live/>

Juice TV is back... a new era of independent music television; Watch Juice TV on FREEVIEW Channel 200 or live right here to your mobile, PC or tablet or Chromecast to your telly... <https://www.juicetv.live/> Juice TV has been Supporting BOTBs and NZ Music for many years. Juice TV will now also be playlisting the winning band's music video.



<https://www.southislandmedia.com/>

We are thrilled to have a new sponsor, with South Island Media coming onboard to film and produce a music video for the winning band. David Duckworth the owner of South island media ltd and has produced various short films and music videos within NZ. David is happy to collaborate with Andrew and Juice TV to help produce great talent within BOTB. The winner will receive a music video that will be directed and produced by David valued at \$6000. Other bands entering also receive a 50% discount for their videos.

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