

# 2011 BATTLE OF THE BANDS

# MEET THE FINALISTS

# READY TO DO BATTLE

The 2011 Arizona Daily Star's Battle of the Bands is Friday at the historic Rialto Theatre. Now in its eighth year, the competition gives scores of teens the chance to show off their skills on a downtown stage that has hosted artists as diverse as Beck, Ray Davies and Snoop Dogg to Gregg Allman, MegaDeth and Smashing Pumpkins. In these eight pages, meet the finalists, the hosts and get an update on last year's winner.

- **Where:** Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.
- **When:** 6:30 p.m. doors open. 7 p.m., the Battle begins.
- **Admission:** \$2.

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## ALISHA PERU

Solo singer-songwriter Alisha Peru started taking piano lessons when she was 4 years old and has since learned to play sax, violin and guitar.



## DARK AETURNIS

Members of this band from Flowing Wells, Santa Rita and Sky Islands high schools are, from left, Cheyenne VanAlist, Austin Kruger, Josiah Cooper and Dalton Spencer. Their music draws on Norwegian black metal and melodic death metal.



## MANIC AFTER HOURS

The members of this alt-rock band, who list influences ranging from the Dave Matthews Band and The Roots to Pinback and Led Zeppelin, are all seniors at Catalina Foothills High School. They are, from left, Daniel Olitzky, Forrest Reiland, Raymond Sanchez and Jake Morris.



## THE OPPOSABLES

Members of this band, from University and Catalina Foothills high schools, are, from left, Zach Briefer, Derek Salois, Josh Every and Collin D'Aloisio. The Opposables formed in 2008 and cite blues as their main influence.



## TYLER SCRUGGS

Pop singer-songwriter Tyler Scruggs, from Tucson High School, plays piano and guitar and writes screenplays, as well as songs for himself. He hopes to make a career out of songwriting.



## WREST

This rock band's members, all from Douglas High School, are the only finalists from outside of Tucson. They are, from left, Victor Lugo, Joe Morales, Andre Olivas, Gus Enriquez and Carlos Olivas.

**GO ONLINE** – After the show on Friday, be sure to check out [aznightbuzz.com](http://aznightbuzz.com) for photos, video highlights and more.

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