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Teddy Rocks Festival & Vocalzone hold Battle of the Bands to win top spot on line-up

Dorset-based music festival, Teddy Rocks Festival (TRF) in partnership with Vocalzone, are holding a battle of the bands competition in conjunction with Vocalzone Throat Pastilles, to win a place on stage during the festival that takes place on Friday 28 - Sunday 30 April 2017.

Teddy Rocks Festival is helping to showcase budding bands during four heats, with the opportunity for one band to win a slot at the festival at the final on Friday April 7 at the Anvil, Bournemouth.

The battle of the bands heats will take place at Freestyle Music Centre, Poole, every Saturday at 6.00PM for the next four weeks starting on Saturday March 11.

Family-friendly rock festival, Teddy Rocks Festival (TRF) donates proceeds to fighting children's cancer. TRF takes place on Friday 28 - Sunday 30 April 2017. TRF has recently announced its biggest line-up to date including headliners **Twin Atlantic**, **Modestep** and **Scouting for Girls**.

TRF second stage sponsor Vocalzone, manufactures throat pastilles to maintain artists' and voice professionals voices and is well-known for supporting unsigned and emerging musicians around the UK. In partnership with Teddy Rocks Festival, Vocalzone will help to judge the heats, with one band securing a place on the line-up.

Festival Founder and Director, Tom Newton, said: "I've witnessed first-hand how difficult it can be for bands to get their names out there. Vocalzone support our passion in giving unsigned bands a chance to show us what they can do.

"We asked bands to submit an application including links so that we could listen to their tracks. We were thrilled to learn that we received more than 150 applications from both local and national bands alike. It's going to be a challenge to choose just one to join us at the festival this year."

The inspiration behind TRF stems from Tom losing his 10 year old brother, Ted Newton, to a rare bone cancer in 2010. Last year TRF raised £42,800 for children's cancer research and to help children and their families undergoing cancer treatment, in any way possible.

New for 2017, TRF has moved to a bigger site and introduced weekend camping tickets as well as a new stage, The Origin Stage, where top tribute bands Foo Forgers, Oas-is, Green Haze and many

more will perform over the bank holiday weekend. In its sixth year, Teddy Rocks Festival has the opportunity to raise a sizeable sum to continue the fight against children's cancer.

Teddy Rocks Festival 2017 takes place from Friday 28 - Sunday 30 April. For further information or to buy tickets visit: http://teddyrocks.co.uk/

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Photo caption: Teddy Rocks Festival 2016

Notes to Editors:

About Teddy Rocks Festival

In 2010 festival director Tom Newton's younger brother Ted Newton, lost his life to a rare bone cancer, aged 10. Following this experience Tom's family started Teddy20, a fully registered children's charity. As a way of raising money for the charity, Tom started Teddy Rocks Festival in the courtyard of his local pub, The Greyhound, at which time he raised £400. Six years later and TRF has raised close to £100,000 with help from internationally recognised bands such as: From The Jam, The Hoosiers, Don Broco, Gentleman's Dub Club and The King Blues.

Further information

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