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Two local bands to battle at fair

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Two Palm Desert-based bands - Caxton and Rip Torn - are among the five acts chosen for the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival's Battle of the Bands.

The finalists, announced Tuesday, will compete Feb. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. as part of the fair's opening day festivities in Indio.

The top prize is \$1,000.

The other finalists are La Quinta-based Cake and Brains; Arise from Ruin, from Moreno Valley; and Bodegas, of Indio.

At least 10 bands -- whose musicians are county residents between 16 and 26 years old -- applied.

The county's Fourth District Youth Advisory Council picked the final five.

More information: www.datefest.org