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**2018 SOUND OFF LIVE! WINNERS ANNOUNCED**  
*Regional Bands Selected to Perform at Large-scale Festivals*

The **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** announces the winners of **Sound Off Live! presented by Hard Rock Café Baltimore. PBC Vocal Band** is the overall winner with the highest score in the competition. Additional winners include Amanda Lynne Band, Antica, Cha Cha, Eli August and the Abandoned Buildings, Eman the Heartbreak, Jessi Adams, La Rosa, Leo & Cygnus, Lily Barek, MovaKween, Roc Writah, Skyline Hotel, The Streams, Suga Grits, and Survival Society. Musical groups competed for a performance slot at Artscape (July 19-21, 2019) and Baltimore Book Festival and Light City (November 1-10, 2019).

Produced by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, Sound Off Live! is an annual competition where regional bands perform in front of a live audience and panel of judges. This battle of the bands provides up-and-coming musicians an opportunity to perform on the official music stage at a large-scale festival produced by BOPA.

**About PBC:**

PBC (Pitches Be Crazy) Vocal Band is a five-person cover band rocking R&B, rap, funk and pop hits of the last four decades. With no instruments, the band creates original arrangements of music that include tight harmonies, beatboxing/vocal percussion, and bone rattling sub-harmonic bass to create an entertainment experience like no other. Known for remixing and mash-ups, PBC Vocal Band's unique approach to genre and music blending keeps audiences engaged from start to finish. Focused heavily on covering music from the 1970s-1990s, PBC takes pride in bringing back the "old school jams" that spark nostalgia and memories for some, but just as important, introduces younger audiences to music that influences the artists of today.

*The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, events center and film office. By*

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*producing large-scale events such as Artscape, Baltimore Book Festival and Light City, 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.*

For more information on **Sound Off Live!**, visit [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org) or call 410-752-8632.

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