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Finalists, Judges Announced in Local Band Search

*Credit union's Young & FreeSM South Carolina
will host Last Band Standing event Oct. 7*

(N. CHARLESTON, S.C.) – Sept. 16, 2009 – Five local bands will battle for the chance to share a stage with Blues Traveler.

Young & Free South Carolina, a program managed by South Carolina Federal Credit Union especially for people aged 18-25, will host a battle of the bands-event called Last Band Standing. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of Young & Free SC among teens and young adults.

Young & Free SC in August issued a call for entries to Last Band Standing. Twenty-four local bands applied and the public voted online for five groups that advance to compete at Last Band Standing. The band finalists are: **Chaos in Gotham, Hollow Reed, Meet the Sky, Stereo Reform** and **The Whisperjets**.

Last Band Standing takes place Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m., at Wild Wing Café, Mount Pleasant. The winning band will receive \$1000 and a set at ShineFest 2009, where Blues Traveler will headline. Runners up also will receive prizes.

A panel of local celebrity judges will select the winning band at Last Band Standing, including **Mark Bryan**, founding member and guitarist of Hootie & The Blowfish; **Joel M. Frank**, music director, assistant programming director and long-time disc jockey with The Bridge 105.5 WCOO **T. Ballard Lesemann**, music editor of the *Charleston City Paper*; **Quiana Parler**, Charleston-based R&B/soul/funk vocalist and musical collaborator; and **Charlton Singleton**, member of award-winning local band Plane Jane.

Admission to Last Band Standing is free. Donations of canned goods are appreciated to support Lowcountry Food Bank.

Last Band Standing is presented by Young & Free South Carolina and sponsored by Charleston City Paper, Wild Wing Café and ShineFest 2009.

For more information about the Last Band Standing event, visit YoungFreeSC.com.

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