Maine's Credit Unions "Sound Off" With a Music Competition for Maine's 25 and Under Crowd!

Aroostook County – Young & Free Maine is asking to hear from Maine musicians ages 18-25 through their Sound Off Music Competition! From February 1 to March 5, the contest will be open to individuals, groups or artists.

"This competition provides a new way for Maine's Credit Unions to connect with the state's young adults, while giving young musicians a unique platform to share their talent," John Murphy, President and CEO of the Maine Credit Union League, said.

NorState Federal Credit Union with offices throughout central and northern Aroostook encourage young adults to participate in this music competition.

"Through Young & Free Maine, and our Spokester Seth Poplaski, we've been able to hear the voice of this generation, so we can better serve them.

"We have some talent here in Aroostook and this is an opportunity to be heard and seen throughout the state.

What a wonderful opportunity for young local artists to showcase their talent!

We encourage all of our members and nonmembers alike to enter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by or call me and we can get some answers to your questions, or visit www.youngfreemaine.com for entry," Denise Duperre-Cote, Marketing Director of NorState FCU, added.

This competition is another way we can recognize all that Gen Y in Maine has to offer."

"Maine has an exciting music scene that continues to grow and evolve," Seth Poplaski, Maine's Young & Free Spokester, said.

"I know that 'Sound Off' will really let these musicians shine, and offer an opportunity that is very unique – with a prize of both stage and studio time!"

Sound Off entrants must be between 18-25 years of age (in the case of bands, at least one member must be ages 18-25), and must not be under a recording contract.

Entrants will submit an audio or video recording of them singing or performing original music to a special page on the Young & Free Maine website, YoungFreeMaine.com.

From March 7 to 16, the public will vote to choose a winner!

The winning band or individual will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate to Main Street Studio to be used for a recording session of their choice, and the opportunity to perform live at the 2012 KahBang festival, held August 4 to 9, 2012.

The winner will be announced on YoungFreeMaine.com on March 19!

Young & Free Maine includes a financial headstart with the Free4ME Account, designed with 18 to 25 year olds in mind.

Maine is the only New England state to offer this program, which has proven successful in connecting with Gen Y in regions throughout North America.

For more information, visit www.YoungFreeMaine.com.

