

## Maine's Credit Unions Announce "Sound Off" Music Competition Winner at Special Studio Event!

**YOUNG AND FREE MAINE** – After the public voted on an impressive 60 talented entries, Young & Free Maine has announced the winner of their Sound Off Music Competition! At a special announcement event at Main Street Studios in Bangor, it was officially announced that Rob Burnell received a total of 2,714 votes, making him the winner!

As winner of Young & Free Maine's Sound Off Competition, Rob has received a \$1,000 gift certificate to Main Street Studios to be used for a recording session of his choice, and the opportunity to perform live at the 2012 KahBang festival, held August 9 to 12, 2012.

"The competition for these amazing prizes was fierce," Seth Poplaski, Maine's Young & Free Spokester, said. "The entries we received showed what talent we have right here in Maine. I am excited to hear what's next for Rob as he heads to the recording studio and the stage at KahBang!"

From February 1 to March 5, Young & Free Maine invited musicians ages 18-25 to 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](http://YoungFreeMaine.com). The public voted to choose the winner, with voting having opened on March 7, and closing on March 16. The competition received more than 10,000 votes.

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](http://www.YoungFreeMaine.com).

Formed in 1938, the Maine Credit Union League is the State Trade Association for Maine's 63 credit unions providing a variety of services and products to assist credit unions in meeting the needs of their membership. For more information, visit [www.maineicul.org](http://www.maineicul.org). You can hear Rob's winning entry by visiting [www.youngfreemaine.com/soundoff](http://www.youngfreemaine.com/soundoff)

