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Teen Band Bonanza Features Local Talent

Area teens entertained an enthusiastic audience on Friday, May 12 with performances from bands, soloists, and dancers attending high schools in Peekskill, Lakeland, Mahopac, and Putnam Valley. The event was an opportunity for local performers to show off their talent while raising money for a great cause - the 10th annual Peekskill Celebration 2006.

A diverse mix of music and entertainment was represented during the four and a half hour event. The Peekskill Youth Bureau Choir opened the evening with gospel music from some of Peekskill's younger residents. Three soloists followed pop vocalist Michelle Nardozzi from Mahopac, R&B/ gospel/disco singer Toya from Peekskill, and Modish Flair with indie acoustic vocals from Mahopac. Bands included FFD, a modern punk rock group from Mahopac; Five Star Fantasy, a hard core band from Mahopac; Mr. Fantasy, an alternative rock and jazz group from Lakeland; and Pieces, a Putnam Valley based classic rock band. Staj & Co., a hip hop dance troupe from Peekskill, and students from the Peekskill-based Dance Expression school added an exciting twist to the Band Bonanza, which was previously only open to bands.

During intermission K104.7 FM Guest Emcee's Skywalker and Brian Stylez

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announced the winners of the advanced ticket sales competition. Peekskill Youth Bureau Choir won a free professional recording session at DTG studios in Peekskill as well as an opportunity to perform on the main stage at the Peekskill Celebration. Mr. Fantasy and Michelle Nardozzi each won a gift certificate to Sam Ash.

The Teen Band Bonanza is a Peekskill Celebration event sponsored by the Westchester Community College and the Paramount Center for the Arts. Additional support for the event was provided by DTG Productions, Sam Ash Music, Boid Entertainment Systems, and K104.7 FM.

Now in its 10th year, the annual Peekskill Celebration is the largest festival in the Hudson Valley, attracting over 30,000 people from all over the greater New York area. The festivities are a showcase for the historic revitalized City of Peekskill and her maritime heritage along the shores of the Hudson River. A celebration of family, dragon boats, music, food, fireworks, crafts, and more. Venues include the natural beauty of Riverfront Green, Charles Point Park, and historic Downtown Peekskill.

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