iDFY Lip Sync Battle Performer Tips & Guidelines

Lip Sync Battle

Welcome! We're so excited you're performing in the iDFY Lip Sync Battle. This document is designed to give you everything you need in one easy-to-read place, from choosing your song to showtime details. Our team is here to support you every step of the way.

Important Dates

On-Stage Preview - **March 22, 2026 at 6 PM** at Nashville North.
A chance to practice on stage without full costumes.
Full Dress Rehearsal - **April 15, 2026 at 6 PM** at Nashville North.
Mandatory. Perform as if it's show night.
iDFY Lip Sync Battle - SHOWTIME! - **April 16, 2026 at 6 PM** at Nashville North.
Mandatory. Doors open approximately 30 minutes before showtime.

What Performers Get

- **A fun night out:** Be part of what many call the best fundraiser in North Idaho. It is high-energy, meaningful, and a night people look forward to all year.
- **Performer drink tickets:** Each performer receives two drink tickets, up to a maximum of 12 performers per band.
- **Connection and community:** There is a reason people come back year after year. This event brings together friends, coworkers, and community members in a fun and unforgettable way.
- **Awards and bragging rights:** Each band has the chance to win one of four trophies.
- **Recognition:** Your band name is listed in the event program. You may also feature a business or organization you represent.

Attending the Show

- Performers do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves if they choose to sit in general admission. However, filling the audience with your supporters is ideal! Please encourage friends and family to attend.
- If you would like a seat at a table you purchase, note that each table includes 8 seats total (you + 7 guests).
- **All performers and attendees must be 21+.**
- Guests of performers may attend the event by sponsoring a table (seats 8) or purchasing a General Admission ticket. Table seating may be limited or sell out quickly.
- When supporters purchase tickets, they should select your band name at checkout.
- All ticket and table sales count toward your band's fundraising amount.

About the Cause

By participating in the iDFY Lip Sync Battle, you are supporting Idaho Drug Free Youth (iDFY), a nonprofit organization that has been serving Idaho youth and families since 1991. iDFY helps young people feel accepted, connected, and empowered so they can make healthy choices and build positive, substance-free lives. Through leadership programs, school chapters, youth-driven campaigns, and community partnerships, iDFY reaches thousands of youth each year. Funds raised through the Lip Sync Battle directly support these programs and the opportunities they provide for teens across North Idaho.
See the impact >>> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fUIGZBg8yg

Forming Your Group

- Band size: 1-12 performers per band.
- **Performers must be 21+.**
- Choose people who will rehearse, commit to key dates, and bring energy to the stage.
- Designate one primary band contact, this person will receive all official emails and updates.

Song Selection

- Performance length: Maximum of 8 minutes total.
- What works best: The most memorable performances are when performers fully become the artist, big expressions, confidence, and full commitment make all the difference.
- Mashups: While mashups can be fun, we strongly recommend choosing one song and fully embracing it rather than switching between multiple songs.
- Previously performed songs: To keep the event fresh, please avoid songs that have been used in the past two years. A list is included below for reference.
- Song submission:
  - If using an original, unmodified song, submit the song title only.
  - If using a custom edit or mix, submit an MP3 file before the first on-stage run-through.

Songs Performed in Previous Years

2020	**2021**	**2022**
Shoop - Salt-N-Pepa	Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better	Oh Happy Day
Welcome to the Jungle	Baby Got Back	Fireball
Bye Bye Bye	Wannabe - Spice Girls	Dancing Queen - ABBA
Tequila	Blast from the Past Mashup	Who Run the World (Girls) - Beyoncé
Time of Your Life	Mother Lover	Hollaback Girl
Grandx County Auctioneer Song	Milli Vanilli	Sweet Caroline
Supremes Medley	You're the One That I Want	Bring Me to Life - Evanescence
Boy Band Medley	Rolling on the River	Simply Irresistible - Robert Palmer
I Got You Babe - Sonny & Cher	Girls Just Want to Have Fun	Flashdance (Final Song)
	Dude Looks Like a Lady	Thunderstruck - AC/DC
	Backstreet/Beyoncé Mashup	

2023	**2024**	**2025**
This Is Me - Greatest Showman	One Hit Wonders Medley	90's High-Energy Mashup
Bad Guy	Together Forever	Wannabe Without Me (Spice Girls x Eminem Mashup)
Venus	Man! I Feel Like a Woman!	Mighty Mouse
Bohemian Rhapsody	Shake It Off	Intergalactic - Beastie Boys
Mash-Up	Mr. Brightside	Faith - George Michael
Legends Never Die Medley	Walk Like an Egyptian	APT - Bruno Mars
Fireball	Betty (Get Money)	Medley: 60s-90s Boy vs. Girl Bands
Born in the USA	90's Pop Mash-Up	Grease Mashup
Tight Pants	Welcome to the Jungle	Another One Bites the Dust / Stayin' Alive
Boy Band Mashup	I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)	Beetlejuice Mashup
Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	Uptown Funk	Single Ladies - Beyoncé
	Michael Jackson Medley Legends Never Die Medley	Queen Mashup

Props, Lights, & Costumes

- Costumes and props are highly encouraged, have fun with it!
- No confetti or items that leave debris on stage.
- Basic stage lighting is provided by the venue; handheld lights or glow items are welcome if safe and manageable.

Awards

- Awards are based on both fundraising totals and judging scores.
- Awards include:
  - **Best in Dough (Most Money Raised)**
  - **Golden Mic (Judge's Choice)**
  - **Best Costume**
  - **Best Choreography**
- Fundraising totals are updated before and during the event and play a major role. Every ticket, table, and donation designated to your band counts toward **Best in Dough**.

Fundraising

- Voting and fundraising happen at the same time.
- **Each band receives one fundraising link two weeks prior to the show. Please share this link widely.**
- Donations, ticket sales, and table sales all contribute to your band's fundraising total.

Promoting Your Band

- **Please email the committee a photo of your band.** We will create a custom promo image to share on social media.
- Share your fundraising link with friends, family, coworkers, and on social media.
- Send texts, emails, and social posts. We will provide you with a personalized post to share, but your personalization to friends and family is most impactful!
- Use your band photo and event graphics to build excitement.
- Encourage supporters to attend live.

Communication & Questions

- **Facebook Performer Group:** This is the main hub for updates, reminders, and announcements.
- **Committee Email:** If you have questions, reach out to the iDFY team directly at **lipsync@idfy.org**,we're happy to help.
- iDFY Lip Sync Chair: Amy Bartoo (208) 691-0863

We've heard many people say this is the best fundraiser in North Idaho, and we couldn't agree more. This event wouldn't be nearly as fun or impactful without you. Thank you for showing up, going all-in, and supporting iDFY!

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