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Local band enters nationwide contest

Fairfield, Ill. —

An area band is hoping to make a big splash on the national music scene.

Xylinn Warren's band of Fairfield has entered [Maurices](#) "Small Town Sound" band search. Maurices is a leading small town specialty store and fashion authority, and it created this contest in partnership with PlayNetwork and Sonicbids to discover the next famous female-fronted band.

More than 500 bands are vying for their big break.

"We're blown away by the number of submissions received for 'Small Town Sound,'" said Fairfield Maurices Store Manager DeAnn Medler.

"This is an exciting contest that inspires women to take a chance on their dreams. The enthusiasm from artists has been fantastic, and now we want fans to vote and support their hometown favorites."

Now through Nov. 15, people can visit www.maurices.com to check out the profiles and audio tracks for Xylinn, who plays country music, and the rest of the contestants. Fans have the power to narrow the field to the top 50 musical ensembles. A group of panelists, including The Bangles, Chrissie Hynde and indie rock group Sick of Sarah, will trim the field to 10 finalists. Bands will then have two weeks to create an original song based on the "Small Town Sound" theme. On Dec. 1, on-line voting will reopen and people will vote a final time on the best original song to determine the grand prize winner and the two runners-up.

The grand prize-winning band will perform live at their local store and receive a trip to Los Angeles to shoot a music video and record their winning song at the [PlayNetwork](#) production studio. They'll also receive gifts and the opportunity to perform at a major national music festival in the spring of 2011 with The Bangles and Sick of Sarah.

People who vote will receive a maurices coupon and will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of 13 shopping sprees valued between \$100 and \$1,000. Winners will be drawn and notified on Jan. 5, 2011.

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