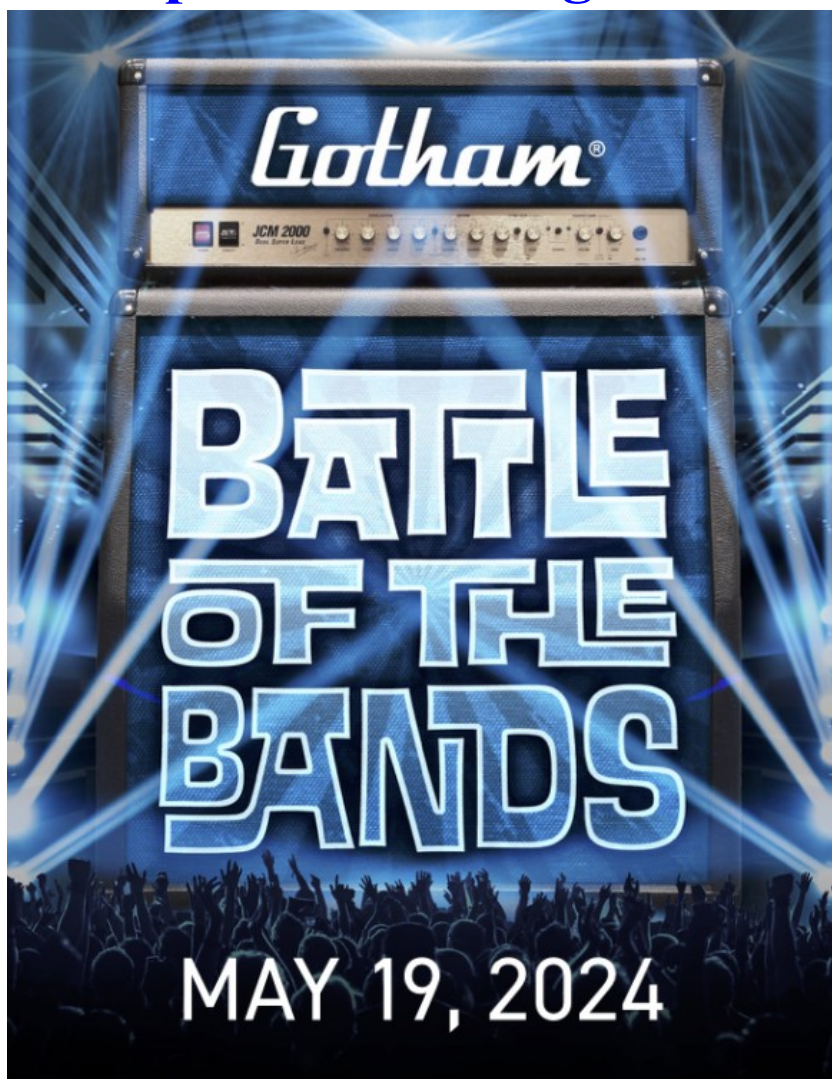


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A Message from our tribe's co-founder

In the great tradition of Gotham City Networking, Inc.® supporting and fostering business networking, and following in the footsteps of our legendary Gotham Follies we proudly produce the Eighth Gotham Battle of the Bands® and a return to a live venue.

Five great bands made this year's cut to compete for the \$2,000 First Prize, plus a 30 minute Showcase at the legendary Greenwich Village Cafe Wha? Second place earns \$1,000 and third place \$500, plus incalculable exposure and bragging rights.

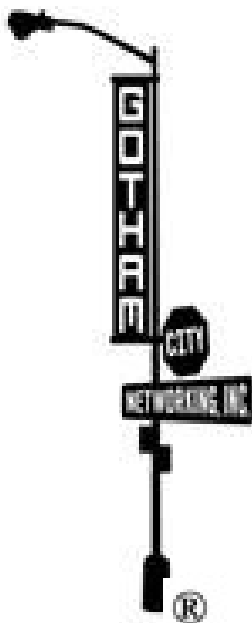
And thank you to Norman Spizz and his committee making our *battle* happen.

And now let's put it in the hands of our bands and judges.

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Pianist, composer, arranger, society bandleader, artistic director (for Carol Channing, Emerson, Lake & Palmer, Engelbert Humperdinck and Tom Jones) and author of over 120 jazz books published in 36 countries.

Lee also recorded several albums for Capital Records, Command Records and MGM Records in the 60s.

Counterproductive



Formed in December 2023 through the Bach to Rock music school.

Primarily classic-hard rock music.

Members:

Ruby Klein: Lead singer

Shawn Klein: Lead guitar, backup vocals

Hudson Menzel: Bass Guitar

Julian Shafran: Drum kit

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PART TIME TRAUMA



Part Time Trauma is a melodic rock band from NYC who draw influences from 80s arena rock, 90s punk and pop music of the past several decades. Established as a "No B-sides, all-genres-welcome" songwriting project between Mike Ciochi (vox) and Max Mena (bass) in 2018, PTT grew over time to include Marc Remache (drums), Christopher Chin (guitar/vox) and a powerhouse live show that brings the songs to life.

Instagram/TikTok: [@parttimetrauma](#)
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Blanket Approval is an indie dance rock band from Brooklyn and Queens that formed together in collective pursuit of a sweaty, rowdy, shout-along good time. On stage, the band creates an electricity that's unique to four best friends cooking up their favorite songs together.

Groovy bass riffs, infectious melodies, and fast guitars all define Blanket Approval's signature sound that's as home in an 80's underground disco as it is in a modern rock amphitheater. 2023 saw the band play all over NYC and throughout the east coast on a 6-state tour. To date they've released eight singles which they plan to follow up with their debut album in late 2024. Come for the music, stay for the vibes.

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DAVE ACHELIS AND 8 ACE!



Roger Murdock

Amy Madden

Zonder Kennedy

Dave Achelis and 8ACE

Dave was born in NYC a long time ago. Hearing “Louie Louie” by the Kingsmen in 1963 changed his life forever. Already adequate on the guitar from playing along with his sister’s folk music collection, and propelled by The Beatles a year later, he has played in bands ever since. The early 70s found him on radio stations as a disc jockey, and he later found work as an engineer/producer recording an array of artists, such as The New York Dolls, Binky Phillips and The Planets, Elliot Murphy, Jon Paris, Stu Daye, and perhaps most famously, The Misfits. Coincidentally, he also was lucky enough to work with Jazz Greats like Dave Brubeck, Paul Desmond, Sonny Rollins, Dexter Gordon, Duke Jordan and many others.

Roger Murdock is a multi-instrumentalist and former member of avant-garde band King Missile. His primary role in King Missile was that of drummer, but he is also proficient at such instruments as guitar, piano, and Emulator. Murdock has performed and/or recorded with Joey Ramone, Ronnie Spector, Debbie Harry, Leslie West, The Martinets, The Messyheads, Wide Right, and Laurie and The Sighs, among others, and has toured extensively throughout the U.S.

Amy Madden. A long-time fixture on the New York music scene, Amy Madden is an accomplished bassist and member of the New York Blues Hall of Fame. Having worked with scores of blues and rock acts over the years in the UK, Sweden, and the US., she frequently appears with local legends Jon Paris, Alan Merrill, Zonder Kennedy and Ricky Byrd, as well as having played with Paul Butterfield, John Lee Hooker, Johnny Thunders, and Adam Bomb.

Zonder

Kennedy. Veteran guitarist Zonder Kennedy has been rocking on the New York club scene for years as well as on the world stage including performing at the Montrose Jazz Festival, and the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Kennedy has performed with legendary recording artists including, John Campbell, Doyle Bramhall, Johnny Johnson, Dr. John, and Jimmy Vaughn, and shared the stage opening for Bob Dylan, The Allman Brothers, BB King, Buddy Guy and The Black Crows.

Short Term Memory

Short Term Memory's music combines pop that gets people on the dance floor with hard rock that makes people move. Our music is truly unique. All songs were written by singer/songwriter **Bruce Chamoff** who started the band on Long Island, NY in 2013. Bruce is a multi-instrumentalist who plays piano, saxophone, bass and guitar and has opened up for Ace Frehley, Dee Snider as well as others. He has worked with Billy Joel's sax player Richie Cannata. **Shari Post** has performed as lead and backing vocalist with multiple rock bands, pop acts, and choral groups. She also plays rock and classical piano. **Evan Fernandez**, a self-taught musician, has been playing guitar & bass since elementary school. Now, he teaches middle school music classes! Evan has also performed in rock bands.



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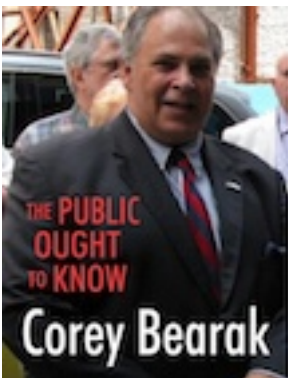
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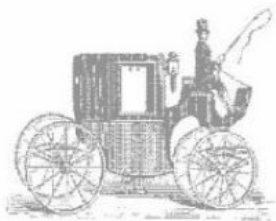
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Here Comes The Judges:

Rosalia Ruberto-Walcott



Rosalia Ruberto was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and graduated with a BA in Business Management and Finance from Brooklyn College. She has a strong track record in the financial industry, having worked as a Field Sales Service Representative for Deluxe Corporation providing sales and program support to Financial Institutions with over 2 billion in assets.

Prior to that role Rosalia has held various positions at several Financial Institutions such as, Independence Community Bank, TD Bank and Citibank.

More recently, Rosalia has been working as an Administrative Director at Gotham Networking since 2022. During this time, she has contributed her skills and expertise to efficiently manage administrative tasks and provide support to the internal team as well as the entire Gotham community.

She has been married to Gotham Tribal and Membership Committee member Ray Walcott since 2014. Together they have two beautiful daughters.

Her musical expertise spans from Baby Shark to the eclectic sounds and genres of NYC.

Here Comes The Judges:

William Skody

William Skody was born and raised in New York City, and graduated with a BA in accounting from Pace University within 2 ½ years and is Certified to practice in New York. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked for several well-known public accounting firms including CBIZ-MHM Mahoney Cohen and BDO Seidman. William also learned first-hand about business and the rewards of working hard from his father who was an entrepreneur for over 25 years. He believes in giving back to the community and donates a great deal of his time to many worthwhile causes and organizations.



William is the founder and President of Skody Scot & Company CPAs, located in midtown Manhattan. For over 30 years, William has been servicing not-for-profit organizations and is highly respected and well-known throughout the New York metropolitan area for his expertise with not-for-profit organizations. He currently represents 900+ non-profit clients with annual revenues from \$5,000 to \$60 million per year, throughout the U.S.

William is also the owner of a dozen live-music/hospitality venues including: Café Wha (1959), Club Groove NYC (1979), Stage 3 (2025), and Zizi restaurants (2018).

His achievements have been recognized by NY Newsday, NYC Proclamation, Crain's Best Entrepreneur's award, and 1010 WINS 50th Anniversary top fifty New Yorkers.

Here Comes The Judges:
Mike Steger



Judge Mike Steger is the founder of the Law Offices of Michael D. Steger, PC, focusing on copyright, trademark and entertainment law.

The firm emphasizes the protection of artists' rights and creative content.

He is co-chair of Gotham's Westchester Group, a longtime member of the Battle of the Bands Committee and a struggling guitarist.



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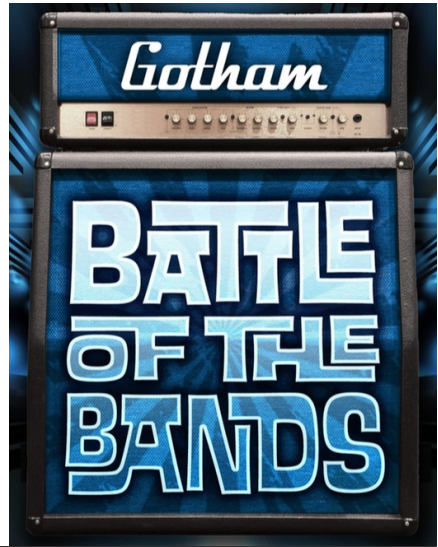
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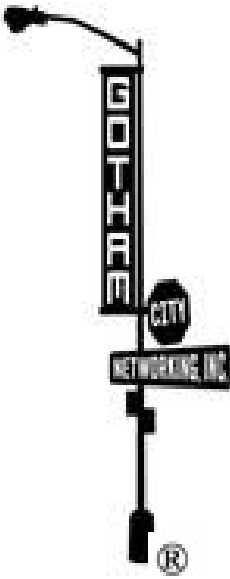
Quad Party (Wednesday, August 7)

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