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Grand Band Slam 2010 Winners

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Music Masters!: Check out the winners of our annual Grand Band Slam poll

We trimmed a bit of the fat from this year’s Band Slam. By narrowing down the number of categories, we’re happy to say that this year’s votes were more on the money than ever. You, our readers, nominated the region’s best bands, and the results speak for themselves: We, as a state, have some pretty awesome music.

In some cases, brand new musicians made their mark as though it were effortless. Examples are **Best Blues** winner **Bad Rooster**, who didn’t even exist a year ago, and the duo **DJ Cubed (Best DJ)** and **5:AM (Best Hip-Hop)**, whose FTI Records crew has suddenly overrun the northwestern part of the state. And it’s hard to ignore the coup conducted by **Echo & Drake (Best Rock, Best New Band, and several other awards)**, who have emerged as a powerhouse in the past year.

In other cases, older bands are finally getting their due: **Stanley Maxwell (Best Jazz)** won their third Band Slam as they approach their 10th anniversary. And Western Mass reggae-core vets **Fear Nuttin’ Band** prove they’ve successfully invaded Hartford with their **Best Reggae** win.

Thanks for your votes! Now enjoy the fruits of your labor. We contacted the winners via e-mail to find out what they’re up to and what they’re in to. Check out this year’s Best Bands — you might find a new favorite.

Grand Band Slam 2010 Winners



Best Band
Echo & Drake



Best Rock
Echo & Drake



Grand Band Slam 2010 Party

See some of the winning bands at our Grand Band Slam Party! [Click here for information.](#)

Grand Band Slam 2010 Winners

Best Band
Best Rock
Best Blues
Best Punk
Best Metal
Best Jazz
Best Indie
Best Hip Hop
Best Reggae
Best Folk
Best DJ
Best Singer/Songwriter
Best Instrumentalist
Best Cover Band
Best New Band
Best Other
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New Haven Advocate's Grand Band Slam
Fairfield County Weekly's Grand Band Slam



Best Blues
Bad Rooster



Best Punk
Project 7



Best Metal
Vengeance



Best Jazz
Stanley Maxwell



Best Indie Rock
Columbia Fields



Best Hip-Hop
5:AM



Best Reggae
Fear Nuttin' Band



**All the
Hottest
Entertainment
Discounts,
All in One
Place.**





Best Folk, Bluegrass, Cajun
Jared McCloud



Best DJ
DJ Cubed



Best Singer/Songwriter
Jon Ericson [vox/gtr/keys] Echo &



Best Instrumentalist
Rich DeVito [gtr/tambourine] Echo &



Best Cover Band
Jimmy Hat



Best New Band
Echo & Drake



Best Other
Otherwise



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