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BandSwap returns to Madison for 2014

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Last year Madison participated in [BandSwap](#), a project designed to enrich and publicize eight cities' music scenes. This year it will take part again, on a larger scale, with five bands representing the local music community. Musicians can [nominate themselves on Broadjam.com](#) through June 8. After that, the [Madison Arts Commission](#) will select the 2014 participants.

[BandSwap 2013](#) culminated with concerts in Madison and Fort Collins, Colorado, where the initiative's founder, [SpokesBUZZ](#), is headquartered. Madison rock band Sexy Ester [got to perform](#) in Fort Collins, and Colorado act Common Anomaly took the stage in Madison. New perks for 2014 participants [include](#) a CD-release party, a music video created by [Madison Media Institute](#) and a one-year premium subscription to [Broadjam](#), a set of licensing and promotion tools for independent musicians. BandSwap acts from Madison and beyond will perform at the [Frequency](#) on Sept. 20.

One lucky band receives a stipend to visit Fort Collins Oct. 1-5, plus an invitation to play the 2015 [Madison Area Music Awards](#) next summer. This act also gets to place an album in the [Yahara Music Library](#), an online collection of local music Madison Public Library [launched in May](#).