

# CALL FOR JUDGES!

[YVArts](#) and [No Def Studios](#) are searching for energized music professionals to join a global panel of judges for [VANJAM 2021](#). Whether you are a musician, producer, label or an agent, your experience and expertise is wanted!

## WHAT IS VANJAM?

VANJAM is a virtual battle-of-the-bands style music competition for emerging musicians in the city of Vancouver, Canada. It will also be Vancouver's first-ever music competition with an all-international jury panel.

Our goal is to celebrate collaboration through music technology, as well as to engage Vancouver's emerging music community in a collective effort to promote local talent and businesses that are suffering due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MANDATES

1. Connect Vancouver's music community to international music markets.
2. Explore ways of creating music using technology.
3. Showcase Vancouver for its thriving underground music culture.
4. Help emerging musicians around the world grow their fanbase. We all know that the best fans out there are your fellow musicians!

## TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

Round 1: Contestants will be randomly assigned to blocks, and each judge will have their own block assigned. Judges will review and select one entry to move on to Round 2. The audience selects a wildcard entry.

Round 2: All judges participate in selecting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The audience votes for their favourite contestant to receive an "Audience Choice Award".

## EVENT FORMAT & TIMELINE

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	PRIZES
Block A	Top 10 Bands invited to film a short set	1st Place
Block B		2nd Place
Block C		3rd Place
Block D		Audience Choice

*\*Number of blocks depend on number of entry submissions.  
Last year we had 40 bands participate!*

Late May: Confirm all judges & sponsors  
Early June: Open call for submissions  
Mid July: Rounds 1 & 2  
Early Aug: Award Show

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Canada is listed in the Top 10 Music Markets in 2019, according to [IFPI's Global Music Report](#), making Vancouver a great city to network in. Other benefits include:

- A chance to meet and collaborate with fellow international judges.
- A personalized "Judges Profile" video which will be used for promotional content.
- A cash honorarium of \$125 USD (via [PayPal](#))
- Discounts, promo codes, and other gifts from our sponsors!

## WHAT IS MY INVOLVEMENT?

We require the following commitment from selected judges:

- Review up to 45 minutes of music, provide written & video feedback for selected bands.
- Participate in a 1-hour 'Jury Deliberation' Zoom-meeting to select prize winners.

## GREAT! HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

Please complete the [Judges Application Form](#) by **Tuesday, May 31st at 07:00AM GMT**.

Selected Judges will be notified by June 5th!