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Final round for Loft's Showdown

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For one singer-songwriter, advancing to the Rivertown Showdown's final round meant pride and a plane ticket.

New Yorker Katie Pearlman entered the weekly competition at The Loft while visiting family in Columbus. She won her preliminary round, securing a spot in the Quarterly Showdown.

But that was a couple weeks away, and Pearlman had obligations in New York.

So she took a flight home — and planned another trip to Georgia just in time to return to The Loft.

If Pearlman's any indication, the Rivertown Showdown is meeting its mission.

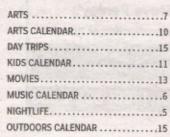
The contest has been key not only in giving exposure to local musicians, but also in showing national acts Columbus' prominence on the music scene. It names its third winner Wednesday.

Pearlman is joined in the final round by Anthony Johnson, Ben Braswell, Justin Belew, Brent Lindley, Jason Connelly, Neal Lucas, John McGee, Brent Browning, Mark Shelnutt and two singers named this week.

The winner gets a prize package worth \$1,500. Performers are judged on songwriting, vocal performance, instrumental ability, stage presence and audience response.

Preliminary rounds spanned six Wednesdays and attracted nearly 50 artists.

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JENNIFER MERCURIO Lasting Impressions Photography New Yorker Katie Pearlman will compete in Wednesday's final

round of the Rivertown Showdown at The Loft.

IF YOU GO

What: Rivertown Showdown final round

When: 8 p.m. Wednesday

Where: The Loft, 1032 Broadway

Cost: \$5

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