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## **Detroit's Big Shot Talent Competition Announces Semi-Finalists**

### **Local Entertainers Advance to the Next Round in the 7-Week Contest at Planet Ant in Hamtramck**

*HAMTRAMCK, Michigan* — Singers, musicians, comedians, beatboxers, impressionists, burlesque dancers, sideshow acts, and more have performed in the battle for the title of “Detroit’s Big Shot.” Now, the contestants advancing to the semi-final rounds have been revealed. Those moving on have a shot at a prize package worth hundreds of dollars, including a photo shoot, a festival performance slot, and the honor of having a beer from Batch Brewing Company named for them.

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: Marv Barnett, Ryan Brown, Dani Ha Ha, JeCorey Hawkins, Ella Horwedel, Marty Kohn, Ohly, The Real Dan Minard, Stefanie Ann, and Spoon Willoughby.

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: ATMIG, Jason Fylan-Mares, Greater Alexander, Asia Marie Hicks, Robert Horton, Connor Meade, Dan Schmidt, Heather Sejnow, and Stevie Soul.

The semi-finals will be judged by representatives from a wide range of metro Detroit cultural institutions, including the Detroit Historical Society, the Ringwald Theatre, and the 1001 Laughs Dearborn Comedy Festival. The competition is emceed by local comedian Tam White.

The semifinals take place on Wednesdays, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm. The competition will culminate in a final round on October 27th. Admission to the competition is \$5, and attendees can purchase “audience choice” votes to cast for their favorite acts.

“After a horrible year and a half for entertainers, we have found a way to return them to the stage safely,” says competition producer Seth Resler, “and in the process, we’ve seen the diverse range of talent our city has to offer.”

The full list of semi-finalists can be found at <https://www.thedbriefdetroit.com/bigshot/>. The list of prizes, the list of judges, and ticketing info can also be found on the website.

*The D Brief* podcast, hosted by Seth Resler and Becky Scarcello, shares the stories of local artists and entertainers to educate and inspire others in the community.

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