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## **Erie Insurance band earns spot at the regional finals of FORTUNE Battle of the Corporate Bands**

### **Cover Story will represent ERIE in Nashville on July 13 for chance to play finals at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**

**(Erie, Pa.) March 21, 2013** - It's official: Erie Insurance rocks. Cover Story, a classic rock band made up of employees from the insurance carrier, has earned a spot in the regional finals of the [FORTUNE Battle of the Corporate Bands](#). They'll face off against 18 other bands for one of eight spots in the finals, which will take place at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland in September. This is the first year Cover Story has competed in the contest, though the band is already known throughout Erie, having played events such as Music in the Vineyards and Roar on the Shore.

Cover Story has been playing together for eight years and consists of five members:

- Paul Bittner - Bass guitar hero and workers compensation claims vice president
- Paul Borden - Talents include but not limited to: rhythm guitar shredding, keyboards and senior organizational effectiveness consultant
- Sonia Esfahbodirad - Diva, lead vocals and claims project manager
- Matt Myers - Fearless lead guitarist, vocalist and claims senior vice president
- Billy Stiles - Drum wailer and claims project manager

"When people think about storied rock towns, no doubt Erie, Pa., springs to the top of many minds," said a grinning Myers. "Our goal is to show the judges in Nashville that a group of insurance pros from a small city near a big lake deserve to play the Rock Hall."

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the FORTUNE Battle of the Corporate Bands, which supports education programs at the Rock Hall. Past winners include bands from Ernst & Young, Procter & Gamble, and eBay.

To learn more about Cover Story visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Cover-Story/139850879363904](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cover-Story/139850879363904).

According to A.M. Best Company, Erie Insurance Group, based in Erie, Pennsylvania, is the 15th largest homeowners insurer and 12th largest automobile insurer in the United States based on direct premiums written and the 20th largest property/casualty insurer in the United States based on total lines net premium written. The Group, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, has more than 4.5 million policies in force and operates in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Erie Insurance Group is a FORTUNE 500 company. Erie Insurance is proud to be named a J.D. Power and Associates' [2012 Customer Service Champion](#). ERIE is one of only 50 U.S. companies so named. Erie Insurance is also recognized on the list of Ward's 50 Group of top performing insurance companies, which analyzes the financial performance of 3,000 property and casualty companies and recognizes the top performers for achieving outstanding results in safety, consistency and financial performance over a five-year period (2007-2011).

News releases and more information about Erie Insurance Group are available at [www.erieinsurance.com](http://www.erieinsurance.com).

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Cover Story, a classic rock band made up of employees from Erie Insurance, will compete in the regional finals of the FORTUNE Battle of the Corporate Bands. Members are (l.-r.) Paul Bittner (bass guitar), Sonia Esfahbodirad (lead vocals), Matt Myers (lead guitar), Billy Stiles (drums) and Paul Borden (rhythm guitar and keyboards).