



The Talbott Brothers, originally from Imperial, have won the chance of a lifetime: opening a concert featuring Blues Traveler, Sugar Ray, Uncle Kracker and Smash Mouth at the Bank of the West Celebrates America Concert on June 27 at Memorial Park in Omaha.

The Talbott Brothers are a rock band now of Omaha, led by harmonizing brothers Nick and Tyler Talbott. The group officially formed in 2012 and is currently backed by bassist Ben Frerichs and drummer Jake Culey.

The “rock band from the heartland” plays alternative rock and roll with a pop-like melody. Their sound is infused with blues and wrapped in harmonies that have been compared to the Everly Brothers.

“We’re just beyond excited. We feel really humbled and thankful for all of our friends and our fans for supporting us,” Nick Talbott said.

“Our band went up against some good artists and we feel pretty honored to be selected. We really look forward to representing Omaha and being a part of Bank of the West Celebrates America,” he added.

A wide array of musical talent including country, metal, pop and hip hop artists entered the Bank of West contest from across the country. More than 200 entries were received during the two-week open call.

“We are pleased with the nationwide participation in our Bank of the West Celebrates America Opening Band Contest and the caliber of the talented musiciadns who entered. Thank you to everyone who entered and to all those who voted on Facebook,” said Robert Dalrymple, Executive Vice President, Bank of the West’s Midwest Division.

“We are looking forward to an evening of great entertainment with The Talbott Brothers opening the show,” he said.

This is the fourth year of the Bank of the West Celebrates America Opening Band Contest. The Talbott Brothers won by receiving the most votes in the contest held on Facebook.

Bands from coast to coast entered and a panel of judges, which included talent representatives from Creative Artists Agency, Warner Music Group and Romeo Entertainment Group, narrowed the band entries to five finalists. The public was invited to vote for their favorite finalist on the Bank of the West Facebook page June 10-16.

Bank of the West Celebrates America has been an Omaha tradition for 24 years. The annual concert and fireworks finale kick off the city’s Fourth of July festivities, and it is one of the largest free outdoor concerts in the country, drawing more than 60,000 people.