



## Rockit Academy 2019 Count Basie Center for The Arts Summer Application

Rockit is New Jersey's premier Live Music Education program for young musicians. Learn the classics during six weeks of group instruction and be a star as you perform live on the historic Count Basie stage. Vocalists, drummers, guitarists, bassists, keyboardists, brass and string players are encouraged to complement their private studies with our collaborative program. Audition and orientation class is required. All band classes are 90-minutes long and taught by talented instructors with diverse backgrounds. Space is limited. Upcoming concert: Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The Rockit Live Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, please visit [www.rockitacademy.org](http://www.rockitacademy.org)

### Audition Requirements and Procedure: Ages 8 – 18

- All students must be currently studying with an instructor or a self taught master of music.
- Students must perform a **TWO-THREE**-minute selection that best represents their style and ability. Vocalists are encouraged to sing karaoke, musical accompaniment or acapella. Singing with a prerecorded track with vocals is not permitted. All other musicians are encouraged to play along with a track but may also audition solo. Guitar solos are not required but helpful in band placement. **No Medleys please. If planning to audition with KARAOKE or a TRACK, please submit your audition song in MP3 format to [info@rockitacademy.org](mailto:info@rockitacademy.org) by June 21<sup>st</sup>. No links please!**
- Students are expected to bring their own guitars, straps, drum sticks, brass and string instruments. All other equipment is provided, including cables and a full pedal board for guitarists.
- All students must attend all rehearsals unless extenuating circumstances should occur and must also perform in the end-of-semester concert.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Page two of this application offers an option to submit a Scholarship Application.
- If your child meets the requirements and is interested in joining the Rockit Academy, please complete the application and return with audition fee payable to **Rockit Live Foundation** and mail to Rockit, P.O. Box 4237, Middletown, NJ 07748. You may also drop off completed forms with payment at the Count Basie offices no later than 4 PM, Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. You will be notified of your child's audition time once application is in.

### Fees:

Audition Fee: **\$15**, Due with application Made payable to Rockit Live Foundation. **Additional \$15 fee** if auditioning on more than two instruments or songs.

Program Fee: **\$430.00** (includes \$10 registration fee) made payable to **Count Basie Center for The Arts**: Due upon acceptance into the program.

All students must comply with these guidelines and entrance to the program is based on their audition performance.

**Participation in past Rockit sessions does not guarantee placement.** The above-noted requirements are necessary to insure that each child enrolled in the program has a positive learning and educational experience.

### Scheduled program dates are:

Audition: Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am-8pm assigned

Orientation: Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm for **new** students only

Rehearsals: Accepted students will be assigned to one 90-minute band rehearsal timeslot 4pm, 5:30pm or 7pm on either a Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri or Saturday between 9am-5:30pm. The rehearsal schedule dates for this session are as follows: Tuesdays: July 30: August 6, 13, 20, 27: September 3

Wednesdays: July 31: August 7, 14, 21, 28: September 4

Thursdays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: September 5

Fridays: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: September 6

Saturdays: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: September 7

Concert: Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2pm on the stage of the Count Basie Center

For more information, please go to [www.rockitlive.org](http://www.rockitlive.org) or the Count Basie Center 732-224-8778 x125



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address Please print clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Number (other than the above) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special needs or medical conditions that we should be aware of?  
Please include allergies, learning disabilities, physical limitations, etc.

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**Additional Student Information:** Primary Instrument or Vocals Studying \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Instrument Studying \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_ Vocalists, can you harmonize? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of instructor or music school currently studying \_\_\_\_\_

Have you performed live with a band? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, with which music school? \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred style of music \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Bands/Artists \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Rockit!/? \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK HERE IF APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP: Fill out separate scholarship application and return with this form.**  
Rockit scholarship applications can be found at [www.rockitacademy.org/scholarships](http://www.rockitacademy.org/scholarships)

**SCHEDULING, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** This section **ONLY** applies to those students who may require special rehearsal scheduling due to: **Extensive travel time, Religious commitments, Unique family situations, or Daily school dismissal. This does not include extracurricular activities.** In consideration of the above, we will then prioritize students based on the need of selected songs and bands. We suggest leaving an open schedule so that we may place your child in the band best suited for them.

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I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Rockit Academy Sessions at Count Basie Center. I also give my permission to the Rockit Live Foundation to use in publicity of any kind, photographs, audio or video in which my child appears. The staff has my permission to seek emergency medical attention for my child in the event of an emergency if my emergency contact person or I cannot be reached. There are no refunds after the start of sessions.  
Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_