

EUROPEAN TOUR



AUTISM

ROCK AUTISM is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation dedicated to empowering the Autism community with marketable skills to spark the pursuit of entrepreneurship or higher education in the arts through the power of music and entertainment.

"TURN UP *YOUR* VOLUME AND BLOW THEM ALL AWAY"

WHO WE ARE

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WHY WE ROCK

OUR MISSION: We support individuals on the Autism spectrum to develop a craft in music, film, and the multimedia arts that leads to employment in their given field of interest; keeping them free from Isolation, Depression, Substance Abuse, Addiction, Incarceration & **SUICIDE**



HOW WE ROCK

Rock Autism, is one of the first organizations to provide creative arts workshops and **PAID** internships in the entertainment industry. Additionally, we give families the opportunities to attend concerts for free.

SPREADING AWARENESS & CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Rock Autism is also a promotions and a productions company that hosts their own Benefit Concerts, Films & TV series, Documentaries and Musicals and *employs* our own students on our projects.



ROCK AUTISM MULTIMEDIA VOCATIONAL PROGRAM



MUSIC & FILM PRODUCTION | ACTING | SCREENWRITING | PHOTOGRAPHY | PAID INTERNSHIPS

We teach our students the fundamentals of music production, film production, acting, photography, screenwriting, editing, and photography in the hopes they will develop a skill and carve out a career path in the entertainment industry.

Each student will be taught how to create and edit content using software and equipment such as: GarageBand, iMovie, Final Draft, MIDI Synthesizers, Smart Phones, DSLR Cameras and more.



ROCK AUTISM REPORT:

PROJECTS EMPLOYED NEURODIVERSE STUDENTS ON:

- 12 LIVE EVENT PRODUCTIONS
- 3 MUSIC VIDEOS PRODUCTIONS
- 1 TV SERIES (PILOT EPISODE)
- 1 DOCUMENTRY
- 3 ROCK AUTISM MUSIC FESTIVALS

YEARS OF OPERATING: 7

GRANTS: \$200,000 +

FAMILIES SERVED: 50 +

SPONSORS/PARTNERS: 50 +

CITIES WITH EVENTS: 50+

COUNTRIES: 2 (US & CANADA)

PROCEEDS FROM EVENTS: \$40,000 +

SPONSORS & PARTNERS



CUMULUS
MEDIA



THE FOUNDERS OF ROCK AUTISM TELLING THEIR STORY THROUGH MUSIC



Max and Sonny Muscato tour spreading awareness and telling the story of “Sonnyboy,” the feature film and musical they wrote based on the true story of what happened to Sonny Muscato.

A portion of their tour proceeds gets donated to Rock Autism.



In 2023, Max and Rock Autism partnered with The Hard Rock Cafe and Taylor Guitars on a full US & Canada Tour of over 50 cities raising over \$5,000.

Due to overwhelming request, they're bringing their tour to **UK** and **EUROPE!**



NEW INITIATIVE: Breaking the barrier to entry at live events for special needs families by giving families free access to concerts and live productions across the U.S. and World.

NIGHT OF SONNYBOY

Documentary & Touring Concert

SONNYBOY
A RAW MUSICAL

SPONSORS & PARTNERS



TESTIMONIALS



DEBBIE GATWOOD: AUTISM MOM

Rock Autism can simply be described as ROCK AWESOME! My 20+ son has been with them for 3 years. The dedication of the staff is beyond. They introduced him to music, photography and film. They encourage friendships and social interaction. Dalton has enjoyed every minute participating and is constantly asking when he can go back.

As a mom, I am greatly appreciative of all the new activities he has participated in. Alea has mentored Dalton with his photography, which has led Dalton to start his own site to showcase his work. The program has instilled a huge sense of pride in him and I have seen him come out of his shell. I have not been able to find another program that comes close to the dedication of the Rock Autism staff.

MITCEHLL LAW: ROCK AUTISM STUDENT

Rock Autism allowed me to see other people with Autism like me. It also allowed me to use my strength which is music. I started to produce more music thanks to Rock Autism. It was really exciting! It felt like heaven since everyone of us has Autism and I was able to relate to them. I even fell more in love with music production and am currently in college for music production thanks to Rock Autism!



DAVID SNIDER: ROCK AUTISM STUDENT

I got a lot out of editing from Rock Autism and the "Setlist" TV internship. I loved being on the set. Learning how they put everything together. I especially liked being an extra in the rock concert scene! IT ROCKED!

AMY SNIDER, DAVID'S MOM

The reason I liked the program for David is it let him be creative, learn how to edit and develop a storyline to make a video.

AUSTIN HOWARD: ROCK AUTISM STUDENT

I enjoy the interaction of ideas and collaboration with the other students, learning about mixing music. I love the people that work at Rock Autism and most of all I LOVED the Rock Autism On Set Internship and hope to do it again!



DEREK DITKOWSKI: ROCK AUTISM TEACHER/ NEURODIVERSE INDIVIDUAL

After teaching for several semesters, I can see the students' excitement, passion, and creativity when they come into the classroom. At the end of each semester, witnessing the projects they've worked on and the joy and laughter during graduation day makes me happy, knowing I played a part in encouraging their creative minds.

ALBERT PARDO: ROCK AUTISM TEACHER / NEURODIVERSE INDIVIDUAL

Rock Autism has changed my perspective on the support the Autism community has. Growing up on the spectrum myself I never saw nor had an organization that really catered to kids who are on the spectrum and want to learn the arts, that all changed when Rock Autism came into my life. I have never seen an organization more devoted to supporting special needs students and ensuring they use their skills and abilities to their fullest potential like Rock Autism has.



THE STORY OF SONNY MUSCATO THAT TURNED INTO A MOVEMENT



The true story of a family of musicians that stared death in the face (literally) and came out on top. Inspired by Sonny Muscato and founded by his brother, Max Muscato.

Sonny Muscato was diagnosed with Autism at a young age and music was his calling. As he grew his life became more complicated and he slipped through the cracks of society, though he never stopped beating the drums.



Sonny is the definition of resilience as he overcame: Physical & Mental abuse in facilities, Addiction, Depression, Isolation, Incarceration and surviving a gun fight after he was **SHOT** by a drunk law enforcement officer.

[LINK: NIGHT OF SONNYBOY DOCUMENTARY TEASER](#)



MUSIC SAVED THE FAMILY

Max, Marc & Sonny Muscato tour the country together spreading awareness and creating opportunity for individuals with autism.

ROCK WITH US

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