

Parents of ADV Rockers, Supergroupers, DIY or DIEists, & Schoolhouse Rockers,

The fall at Rock Band Land has been nothing short of extraordinary. The bands have been on fire, RBL staff must be training for the Olympics or something because they are all in top form (with zero steroid use), we've been producing more music than ever, as well as getting in professional recording studio time, and booking and playing club / venue gigs outside of the regular RBL schedule. We're doing all of this while also running our younger Rock Out program, Elder Rock Out, RBL Day Camps, school partnerships, and while producing the world's dumbest TV show. I don't know if it gets better than this, but we're greedy for goodness and will keep pushing until we either explode or until we get to the top of the mountain and then can watch our massive creation roll down and topple the neighboring village.

The details for the 2025 RBL Holiday Show are below. Before I get to the nuts and bolts, I wanted to extend a sincere thank you to you fine folks for trusting us with our unorthodox methods, intentional irreverence, and our genuine care for your rockers' artistic lives and their development into becoming active creators and positive contributors for our fraught society. We are lucky to get to do this work - it's truly an honor - and more than the enrollment fees you pay, this ridiculous venture is furthered by the trust you impart on us. Though we joke about everything behind the castle walls, we never take that trust lightly. Thank you.

The holiday show is coming up and you are about to see the fruits of your rockers' labor. It's going to be our biggest show to-date with 170 performers and it's going to be awesome.

Brian

THE BASICS - *If you hate reading, this section is for you. However, definitely reconsider your disdain for reading before emailing me questions I have answered below.*

2025 RBL Holiday Show
Sunday, December 14
@ The Verdi Club (2424 Mariposa St.)
All Ages // \$Free
Doors @ 1:30 // Music 1:45 - 8:10
Food & Full Bar Available

Schedule

Behold, a fridge friendly pdf of the [2025 RBL Holiday Show Final Schedule](#).

THE DEEP DIVE - *If you like details, this section is for you.*

Soundcheck

- Schoolhouse Rockers - Arrive at 11:20 for 11:30 - 12:30 soundcheck.
- El Kabong - Arrive at 12:20 for 12:30 - 1:00 soundcheck.

All other bands / rockers should arrive either at Doors (1:30) or at their prescribed band call times listed on the left columns of the 2025 RBL Holiday Show Final Schedule linked above.

Please note: Soundcheck is for rockers from the bands listed above only. All other bands will get a line check. Parents of soundchecking rockers can plan to arrive at Doors (1:30).

Set Times / Set Lengths

You can find your rocker's scheduled set time on the linked [2025 RBL Holiday Show Final Schedule](#).

Please note: We run on time at RBL. Our shows often tend to run ahead of schedule, *and* sometimes things happen and tech issues can slow us down. We have intentionally padded each bands' time commitment to the show so whether we're ahead or behind, their set will fall within the window that your rocker is expected to be in attendance.

Duration of Your Stay in Our Rock n' Roll Island

Though all rockers and all parents are invited to stay for the whole show, we recognize that many of you have a billion holiday activities to deal with or just regular family Sunday kaka. We know it's the first night of Hanukkah and we realize that this is a long show by any standards. You don't have to stay for the whole show, but we respectfully ask that your rocker stay for the 3 hour window listed on the schedule, to play their set, to support the bands playing on either side of them, and to just be part of such a cool event. Being a good audience member is almost as important as being a good performer for any rockers who take their craft seriously.

Again, you will find the band call times on the left side of the linked [2025 RBL Holiday Show Final Schedule](#). By all means, stay longer if you like.

Solo Rockers

Yes, rockers are welcome to stay on their own at the show without parents, but be sure to remind them of Rules 1 and 2 of RBL: *Have Fun and Be Cool*. If they are doing both of those things, it'll be a blast. The rockers know if they break Rule 2, especially at a show at which they are representing all of RBL, and especially if their not being cool takes away from anyone else's experience, I will not be patient with them and there will be serious consequences for them after the show.

If you are leaving your rocker at the show, please make sure you have plans to pick them up no later than 8:15. This is a rock show not a nanny service.

Attendance

We do not take attendance at our shows and there's no need for your rocker to check in with us upon arrival unless they have a show-related issue that we can help them with. We trust you will be there at the scheduled times. You can text me if you are late, I most likely won't reply, and I definitely won't be changing the schedule to accommodate late rockers - so maybe save the time it takes to text me and just drive faster.

Once the show is underway, your rocker will be responsible to pay attention to the schedule and show flow, especially if we run ahead or behind schedule, and to be in the ballroom when their band is called to the stage. I will make it explicitly clear who needs to be where and when. When the stage is ready for each set time, we will be going regardless of who might be missing from the band.

Gear

We will have everything the rocker's will need to play this show. If guitarists are bringing their own guitars / basses, they should:

- A) Have their guitar case labeled in advance with their name (white tape with dark lettering is best).

B) Upon arrival at the Verdi Club they should go to the left of the stage (from the audience's vantage point) and give their guitar to Casey or Seth who will be lead guitar techs at the show. They will get their guitar tuned and ready-to-go.

Drummers can bring their own drum sticks, but we'll have plenty on hand.

If there are requests to bring other bits of gear, rockers should connect with Thomas in advance of the show and not surprise us at the show with a bunch of unnecessary gear.

If you are leaving before the show's end, please be respectful of our staff while trying to collect your rocker's gear. We'll get your rocker their stuff, but our priority will be the rockers who are on stage. You might have to hang tight for a minute, even if you have an Uber waiting.

Hearing Protection

Breaking News: You are about to attend a rock show. You should have hearing protection for yourself and, more importantly, for your kids.

Throughout the day we expect about 600 people in attendance at this show. We will have foam pellets on hand to share (these do not work properly in kids' ears), but it's the parents' / caregivers' responsibility to have hearing protection for their kids.

As parents of our higher level rockers, we assume you are taking your rockers to shows at least a few times a year for their music education and you should already have some sort of hearing protection solution. If you don't, maybe make that your early New Year's resolution. There are plenty of great blind musicians, there aren't many good deaf ones. Okay, maybe Beethoven, but who listens to him anymore? Not him.

Food & Drink

We will have a full bar open for you to wash away your holiday woes and Chef Shark will be serving his delicious food. Come hungry.

Guests

Feel free to invite all your rocker's friends, fans, and family. If you want to grab a day drink with your buds while listening to some cool music, invite your friends too. All are welcome at RBL shows. I used to say "*except for jerks and idiots*", but they can come too. Someone's got to show the numbskulls among us that there's a better way.

Older & Banged Up Bodies

This is a rock show and there will be minimal seating. If your rocker has a grandparent, an elder fan, or a fan of any age who might need a little assistance securing a seat in advance of Doors, or assistance entering the club, please email me **on a separate email thread** and we'll make sure they are accommodated. Also, the Verdi Club is both an old and old school social club. It does not have a ramp (yet!).

Parking

Parking is usually plentiful on Sundays at Verdi and we are expecting about 600 people throughout the day, so plan accordingly.

You are all city folk, you know the deal, don't leave stuff in your car when parking around Verdi. Dumb actions get dumb results.

Merch

These shows are not cheap for us and they keep getting significantly more expensive to host as we grow. It's important to us that these shows remain free and open to all, but if you'd like to help us offset some of the costs of this show, while also spreading the word about RBL, please pick up some RBL merch. We have a bunch of really cool new RBL gear.

RBL Staff

Though you hear from and interact primarily with me, the RBL staff is absolutely incredible. Truly. I defy you to find a group of folks who are as fun as the RBL staff and who care as much as they do. They pour themselves into the work they do with your rockers, and, because of their tireless efforts, RBL is the best it's ever been. Ask your rocker which teachers they have connected with this year and please make a point to seek them out at the show and thank them for the work they do.

Donations

Every year at this time some folks are kind enough to make donations toward our RBL Scholarship Fund. Please know that RBL is not a 501(c)(3), we are an LLC and therefore these donations are not tax-deductible. If that is an obstacle towards making a donation, I totally get it, I am not asking you for money, but, if you do want to donate, 100% of donations go to either helping kids and families who otherwise couldn't afford RBL join the fun, or to helping current rockers whose folks come into financial difficulty due to layoffs and job changes stay in our programs.

Break / WRO

After the show wraps, the ADV RO bands, Supergroups, & DIY or DIEists will go on a little break. All bands will start up the week of January 5.

If you are in need of a camp during the holiday break, look no further than [Wintertime Rock Out](#). It's going to be a blast.

If you have any questions about the show that weren't covered above, I am at your service.

It's going to be a great show.

Brian