

## **AUTISM ROCKS FAQs**

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for Autism Rocks at Soundcheck Studios in Pembroke. It will be an amazing day of live music, good food, and great vibes. In order to ensure a successful event, we have put together some FAQs and tips for families. If you have any additional questions, please contact Elizabeth Jones at [EJones@ArcSouthShore.org](mailto:EJones@ArcSouthShore.org).

### **What is the venue like? What should I expect?**

Soundcheck Studios is a rehearsal studio and live music venue in Pembroke. It's located in an industrial park and is a large, open space. There is a main stage for the performers, a second level overlooking the stage with tables and chairs, a cash bar, cash food trucks (outdoors), multiple bathrooms, and a small lounge area. We will also have raffle/auction items and event merchandise for sale.

### **Is it family friendly?**

Yes. Our goal is to put on an incredible concert for a cause featuring local artists and musicians that is open to all. All ages are welcome from 12:45- 3:30pm. During this time, the lights will be brighter, and the volume will be lower. Starting at 3:30pm, we will be dimming the lights and turning up the volume. To ensure safety, the afternoon segment will be appropriate for individuals approximately ages 12+. We ask that anyone under age 12 attend the morning segment only.

### **Will it be loud? What will the lighting be like?**

We are offering a more sensory-friendly concert experience from 12:45- 3:30pm, where the lights will be brighter, and the volume will be lower. From 3:30pm on, the lights will be dimmed and the volume turned up. Regardless of which segment you attend, you know your/your child's needs best. We encourage families to bring sound cancelling/reducing headphones, fidget toys, or other items, if needed.

### **Will childcare be provided?**

No. All minors must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver at all times. No childcare will be provided. We will have a space available for individuals who need a sensory break, but you must remain with your children. This is not a drop off event, and parents are expected to stay with their children at all times to ensure safety.

### **Will there be a sensory break area?**

Yes. There will be a small lounge/sensory break area available. Please note, Soundcheck is an open, industrial space, and although it will be quieter, you will still be able to hear the music in the sensory break area. In this space, we will have a music therapist and therapy dog available. Parents/caregivers must remain with their children in the sensory break area at all times.

**Will this event be similar to Levitate? Do I need a chair/blanket? What should I bring?**

Please bring yourselves and your dance moves! No chairs, blankets, etc. are needed. There will be tables and chairs, a cash bar, cash food trucks, a lounge area, and a small amount of sensory items available. If you anticipate that you or someone in your household will need noise cancelling headphones or other items, please bring them with you. We will also have raffle/auction items and event merchandise for sale.

**When is my favorite band playing?**

The day-of order of appearance is King Camden The Great, Boston Higashi School Jazz Band, Sarah Martin Music, Patrick Birmingham, Terpene Profile, Bad Decisions, and Aldous Collins Band. More specific timeframes will be posted on the event webpage the week prior to the event.

**Are sponsorships still available? Do you need auction items?**

Yes! All funds raised through this event will directly benefit our Autism Resource Center, which supports nearly 4,000 individuals with autism and their families each year. The Center has no state contracts, and services are supported through the generosity of friends like you. Sponsorships range from \$250- \$5,000 and come with a host of benefits. We are also looking for auction/raffle items, including gift cards, musical instruments, a weekend away, or other items. Please contact Elizabeth Jones at [EJones@ArcSouthShore.org](mailto:EJones@ArcSouthShore.org) for more information.

**Can children go upstairs to the second level?**

No. The second level is adults only. No minors will be allowed upstairs for safety reasons.

**It's a long day. Can I come and go?**

Yes. All ticket holders will get a wristband and are allowed to come and go throughout the day.

**Can I go outside?**

Yes. We are hoping for good weather, and individuals will be able to spend time outside the venue, where the food trucks will be stationed. There is also a grassy area to sit and take a break.

**Is there parking?**

Yes. Free, onsite parking will be provided.

**Will there be photography?**

Yes, there will be photographers on site, taking pictures throughout the event. These pictures will be used for marketing purposes, including on social media, our website, in event materials, etc.

**Will any social stories or visual supports be provided ahead of time?**

If a social story or visual supports would benefit your child, please contact Janine Birmingham at [JBirmingham@ArcSouthShore.org](mailto:JBirmingham@ArcSouthShore.org), and she will provide them for you. Janine is also available to discuss your concerns beyond these FAQs and how we can best support you and your family to have a successful day.

**Liability Statement**

As a participant in Autism Rocks on Sunday, April 27, 2025, I acknowledge and agree that participation in this event is voluntary and involves inherent risks, including but not limited to the risk of personal injury, property damage, or death, and I voluntarily assume all such risks. I release, waive, and discharge The Arc of the South Shore, Autism Rocks, and their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives from any and all liability, claims, demands, and actions related to my participation. I also agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless The Arc of the South Shore and Autism Rocks from any and all claims, losses, damages liabilities, costs, and expenses arising out of or related to my participation in this event.