

South Dakota Kids That Rock

Presented by The Rocke Grace Foundation for Music + Medicine

About:

South Dakota Kids That Rock is a brand-new benefit concert presented by The Rocke Grace Foundation for Music + Medicine, created to uplift young performers while supporting the autoimmune disease community. This event invites kids ages 5–18 from across South Dakota to share their talent in a 60–90 second performance, judged by nationally recognized celebrity judges. Designed to spark creativity, confidence, and a lifelong love of music, *South Dakota Kids That Rock* brings families together for an inspiring night of entertainment, all while raising essential funds and awareness for SD's autoimmune disease community. Join us as we empower the next generation of musicians and make a meaningful impact in the lives of those affected.

Sign Up Requirements:



Artists must be between 5-18 years old



Artists must perform a 60-90 second vocal piece with an instrumental track/personal accompaniment



Artists may compete as a solo act, duet, or trio



Artists must pay a \$25 entry fee per person

Competition Format & Judging:

Each registered artist will perform one vocal piece lasting **60–90 seconds**. Performers may sing using an **instrumental track** or with a singular **live personal accompaniment** provided by the artist. No full bands or house accompaniment will be available.

Artists may compete as a solo, duo, or trio; however, **each individual performer must register separately**.

Competitors will be placed into one of three age divisions based on their age at the time of the competition: **ages 5–10 (Minis)**, **ages 11–13 (Juniors)**, or **ages 14–18 (Seniors)**. Each division will deliver an award to every competing artist. An additional *scholarship* award winner is awarded in the Senior division.

All performances will be evaluated by a celebrity panel of judges consisting of nationally recognized artists, performers, and vocalists. Judging criteria may include, but are not limited to, vocal ability, stage presence, song choice, and overall performance quality. All judges’ decisions are final.

Concert Information:

Date	Time	Venue	Address
April 11, 2026	7:00 PM (Tentatively)	The Monument, Rapid City, SD	444 N Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD 57701

Group Performance

To close the event, *all* artists will take part in a special group performance alongside the celebrity judges. The final song of the show will be “Rocky Mountain Way,” celebrating music, unity, and community. **Participating artists will sing the choruses together as a group**, creating a powerful, collaborative finale. This performance is meant to be fun, inclusive, and memorable, and further details and rehearsal information will be provided prior to the event. Please arrive to the event with the chorus pre-learned.

Additional Information:

Registration Fee

- A \$25 registration fee is required per individual artist.
- As this is a benefit concert, all profits made from this event support autoimmune disease awareness, advocacy, and impact initiatives.

Event Commitment

- *South Dakota Kids That Rock* is a one-day event.
- No housing or overnight accommodations will be provided.
- Artists and guardians are responsible for their own transportation and lodging, if needed.

Day-of Event Schedule

The competition day will include:

- Celebrity judges meet & greet
- Dress rehearsal
- Live competition performances

- Group activities and artistic community-building experiences

General Policies

- Artists must arrive on time and be prepared to perform.
- Appropriate attire and content are expected for a family-friendly event.
- Failure to follow competition guidelines may result in disqualification.

Registration Form Link/QR:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260216009050139>



Please see www.therockegracefoundation.com for further details.

Feel free to reach out to TheRockeGraceFoundation@gmail.com for any additional questions.

We can't wait to get rockin' with you!

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

— Hans Christian Andersen

