

# ROCKONSIN

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### Youth Garagebands Rocking Wisconsin - New Name & Opportunities

MADISON, Wis. (March 1, 2016) – “Music means everything to me and its great to see ROCKONSIN encourage and recognize young Wisconsin garagebands that want to play their music and give these young musicians an opportunity to showcase their talents by performing at Summerfest” said Butch Vig, drummer for the internationally acclaimed band Garbage, Grammy Award winning producer and Wisconsin native. LIKE us on Facebook and see a ROCKONSIN video message from Butch Vig.

Dennis Graham Associates, in association with the not for profit MAMA (Madison Area Music Association), is kicking off his 12th year producing a statewide youth garageband competition (now called ROCKONSIN), featuring 7th – 12 grade bands of all musical genres, that is the only program of its kind in the nation.

ROCKONSIN will select twelve (12) statewide Wisconsin high school or middle school garagebands to compete at Summerfest, the world’s largest music festival, on the Johnson Controls Stage. The band application period opens on March 1 and will close on April 30, 2016; bands can sign up now at [www.ROCKONSIN.org](http://www.ROCKONSIN.org) and download a free poster.

What are the major changes with ROCKONSIN:

- The new program will be a Finals only format for 12 statewide garagebands of all musical genres to be held at Summerfest, the world’s largest music festival, on the Johnson Controls Stage on June 30 (6 bands) and July 1 (6 bands) from Noon – 3:30 pm each day.
- All 7th and 8th grade garagebands can now join high school bands in applying for the competition; or a band can be a combination of any students in 7th - 12th grade; the band must be formed outside the school music program. You must be enrolled in a Wisconsin public or private school or virtual, charter or home school. Musicians applying do not have to be enrolled in a traditional school music program, and the band must be comprised of two or more musicians. Bands representing all musical genres are encouraged to apply.
- The is NO registration fee.
- Each band will be asked to submit one video (please do not incur an expense by professionally videotaping your song – using a smart phone or a hand held video camera will do the trick) of the band performing one cover or original song and submitting a link to that video, in addition to filling out their band application online by going to [www.ROCKONSIN.org](http://www.ROCKONSIN.org). The band’s one song video performance will be reviewed by a panel of music industry professionals and bands will be notified by May 15th if they have been selected to perform at Summerfest.
- The Finals set times will be increased from 15 - 20 minutes for each band.
- The winning band and the runner-up will each receive a second 45 minute gig at Summerfest on July 10th on the Harley-Davidson Stage at 5:00 pm & 4:00 pm respectively and each band will also receive a professional recording session.
- Each of the 12 bands selected to perform at Summerfest will receive two (2) Shure microphones per band. One band (rock, punk, or metal) will be selected at the Finals to represent ROCKONSIN at the 2016 Vans Warped Tour Milwaukee stop at Summerfest on July 26th.

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