

"Rock the Mic" Official Contest Rules

- "Rock the Mic" is an amateur musical talent competition open to ages 16 and up.
- Sign-ups start 30 minutes before the contest begins and no later than 8pm.
- Sign-ups are on a first come first serve basis. There is a maximum of 8 contestants per night.
- All contestants must fill out and sign a "Rock the Mic" contestant form before participating in the contest.
- Contestants can perform individually or as a group of 3 people or less.
- Each contestant is given approx. 5 minutes to perform one song.
- Contestants are encouraged to bring their own instruments.
- Vocalists can bring their own track or ask *Busted Stuff* to provide accompaniment.
- Any contestants using vulgar lyrics, cheating in any way, or acting in a manner deemed inappropriate by the Byrncliff staff or the judges will be disqualified and asked to leave the stage.
- Once you are declared a contest night winner, you become eligible to perform in the finals to be held on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at Byrncliff Resort & Conference Center for a chance to win the grand prize donated by **Soundscape Studios**
- Contestants who have won a preliminary round are not eligible to win other rounds until the finals. Preference for spots will be given to new contestants.
- Judging Format: There will be three judges – *Busted Stuff*, The Audience, & a Secret Judge. Each judge has 1/3 of the vote. The person with the majority of the judges' votes wins the competition.
- Each member of the audience will only be given one ballot. Audience ballots must be filled out completely and with all contestants scored to be counted. Incomplete ballots will be disqualified from the final count.
- Judging will be done silently during and/or immediately following each performance. The ballots will be tallied and the final results will be revealed at the end of the night.
- All decisions by the judges are final.