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Rock Hall EDU Powered by PNC Celebrates Pride Month with New Collection

Help learners of any orientation or identity reflect on their own experiences and the experiences of others

CLEVELAND (June 15, 2021) – In celebration of Pride Month, Rock Hall EDU has launched a new vast and diverse [Pride Collection](#) featuring revolutionaries, icons, and allies.

The LGBTQIA+ Community has long been a part of the rock and roll story. Whether out or not, their perspectives and experiences have helped shape rock and roll. In more recent decades, artists have used their music as a vehicle to support the community and champion rights.

Using the new collection, parents and teachers can help their students examine some of the LGBTQIA+ contributions to music.

Assets in the collection include a "Coming Out" playlist which shows the range of musical styles used to express the feelings and experiences associated with coming out of the closet. Different musical styles are utilized to show that members of this community come from all backgrounds. Additionally, The Diana Ross "I'm Coming Out" activity explores the perspectives of the song in the 1970s from the point of view of the community and Diana Ross, and how the song pushed forward acceptance, internally and externally, for LGBTQIA+ individuals. The Laura Jane Grace Artifact Analysis compares her "Gender Is Over Slogan" to John Lennon's "War Is Over" slogan and encourages learners to think about what they want to be over... if they want it.

Teachers and parents can create a free account at Rock Hall EDU (rockhall.com/education) to explore and download resources developed by our award-winning education team. You'll find professionally developed lesson plans, activities and downloadable activity sheets, presentations, videos, playlists, writing prompts, and more to engage students in the power of rock & roll as they learn about history, language arts, science, math and, of course, music. All materials meet national and state learning standards.

Rock Hall EDU posts new content regularly and encourages parents and teachers to submit requests and feedback to edusupport@rockhall.org.

About the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Rock Connects Us. Our mission is clear: To engage, teach and inspire through the power of rock & roll. We share stories of the people, events and songs that shape our world through digital content, innovative exhibits, live music, and engaging programs. We value all by embracing talents, perspectives and experiences. We intentionally foster a diverse and equitable environment that encourages creativity and innovation by

valuing, empowering and respecting all people. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion is more than just a policy. It supports our mission and defines our future. Join the millions who love it as much as you do. Experience us live or online – Visit rockhall.com or follow the Rock Hall on Facebook (@rockandrollhalloffame), Twitter (@rockhall), Instagram (@rockhall) and YouTube (youtube.com/rockhall). Long Live Rock!

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