# Social Media/Website Audit Written by Amber Bills for exclusive use by the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame June 7, 2023

#### **RRHOF Mission**

Engage, Teach, and Inspire through the power of rock & roll. The RRHOF celebrates the sound of youth culture and honors the artists whose music connects us all.

# **Content Marketing Objective**

Tailor communications to each digital channel in order to increase followers, drive engagement, boost sales, and ultimately, translate the in-person Rock Hall experience into an engaging digital experience.

# Keys to Great Content

- **Clarity** Streamline UX and use clear language to lower bounce rate, increase membership, and reduce fan frustration.
  - Shorten linktree
  - Clean up YouTube home page
- **Relevance** Connect content to current events, pop culture, trends, and modern artists (E.g., Smithsonian's Pride posts).
- **Service over Sales** "Content that serves is content that sells." Use social to sell the experience, not just sell tickets.
- Fun RRHOF isn't as buttoned up as its social media portrays it to be. Today's youth culture is about showing your personality and having fun with trends, even as a business.

#### YouTube - 1.2M Followers

Purpose: long-form deep dives and full performances for music enthusiasts

Goal: Increase video views by 10% over the next 3 months

Platform Conventions: Shorts, live sessions (e.g., Tiny Desk Concerts), video essays, tutorials, booktube, beauty, roundtables/interviews, social experiments (Jubilee, The And, etc.)

What's Working (highest viewed videos): Shorts, Inductees React, Interviews,

#### Influences + Legacy, Performances

# Room for Improvement

- **Drive engagement** We have 1.2M subscribers but only a few hundred views on most videos. People are subscribing but not engaging consistently. We need to highlight and emulate the most-watched videos.
- Show the full Rock Hall experience YouTube is focused on the induction and lacks content about the rest of RRHOF.
- **Shorten bio** It gets cut off and could be more impactful. Change to "Music's Highest Honor," or another short tagline.
- **Cut down the homepage** for easier navigation and a cleaner landing page. Key categories:
  - #RockHall2023 Inductees
  - Top Moments (add Prince and Etta James)
  - Induction Ceremony by Year
  - Shorts
- Inductees React Thumbnails add big reaction photos to grab attn

#### Ideas

- Instrument Tutorials Garage staff teaches you how to do iconic riffs, beginner lessons
- **Rockology** musicology series that breaks down iconic music. Cultural context, inspiration, influence, how it connects to today.
- Live from the Garage live sessions featuring artists in residence and maybe famous guests
- PR kits capitalizing on booktube and beauty unboxing trends by sending PR kits to local influencers and inductees = user generated content.
- **TEDxRockHall** expands our reach, highlights edu mission

#### Facebook - 762K Followers

Purpose: Communicate the latest updates, history, and build community

Goal: Increase engagement on promo posts by 10% over the next 3 months

Platform Conventions: Longer captions, groups, events, older audience, quotes

What's Working: Longer captions, sales promo, events, links to other content, fan space

# Room for Improvement

- **Banner Photo** needs a more impactful image or graphic. It's not obvious that it's the hall of fame wall. Replace with the building, guitar sculptures, or a graphic.
- **Newsletter signup link** It looks like you landed on the wrong page b/c the actual signup is at the bottom of the page in gray.
- Know before you go move this to the Visit page to condense it and move it to Contact page
- **Promo Posts** Although they receive more engagement on FB than other platforms, posts of sales and events receive way less engagement than our other FB posts.

## Ideas

 Increase engagement on promo posts by doing giveaways, performance clips, and get to know the artists

# **Instagram** - 390K Followers

Purpose: Capture the vibe of the Rock Hall and its legends

Goal: Gain 4K followers in 3 months

Platform Conventions: Aesthetic photos, candids, shorter captions, photo dumps, flatlays, Reels, younger audience, food, beauty, books, giveaways, astrology

What's Working: Induction videos, photo posts, collab posts

## Room for Improvement

- **Highlights** Use them as a gallery of each topic, rather than an archive of content that fits into each category. Cut old content. Clarify categories "Exhibits" vs. "Museum" isn't a clear difference. Shorten Rock Hall 2022 highlight to "22 Inductees"
- Bio Add category (Nonprofit or Arts & Entertainment). Add donate button?
- Fan to Follower Conversion In-person signage and fan engagement team encourages visitors to continue their RRHOF experience via social media.
- **Shorten Linktree** Rockhall.com, 2023 Inductees, Tickets & Membership, Current Exhibits, Live Music & Events, TikTok, Spotify Playlists, Stay Updated

#### Ideas

- Giveaways
- Artist flatlays
- If you like this artist/album, you may like... (carousel post)
- Photo Dumps from specific artists or events (e.g. Woodstock)

### Twitter - 158.4K Followers

Purpose: Start conversations and express the voice of RRHOF

Goal: Increase engagement by 10% over the next 3 months

Platform Conventions: Text posts, threads, questions (e.g. Pigeons & Planes, Genius), Millennial - Gen X audience

What's Working: History posts, more personality in copy

# Room for Improvement

- Change header
- Ask questions to drive engagement in the comments
- Shorten copy

## TikTok - 9.9K Followers

Purpose: Engage with youth culture, highlight live music, and connect audience with the people of the RRHOF

Goal: Increase likes by 10% and reach 12K followers in 3 months

Platform Conventions: Candids, sounds, dances, duets, comedy, fun facts

What's Working: TikTok trends and music clips, relating TikTok sounds to RRHOF

# Room for Improvement

• Have more fun and embrace the casual tone of the platform. Do more trends and show off the cool people who work here and visit.

### Ideas

- Duets Sing with artists in residence
- Music clips Garage jam sessions, parking garage & stairwell singing, induction performances
- Instrument tutorials
- History lessons

## Pinterest - 2K followers

Purpose: ?

Goal: Define a clear purpose for our Pinterest

Platform Conventions: profiles organized in boards. Fashion, food, travel

# Room for Improvement

- It's disjointed and unclear what the purpose is. Does the Rock Hall need a Pinterest? Does the platform align with our brand and goals?
- Recording Academy/Grammys is a decent example to follow

### Ideas

- Quotes
- Archives
- Fashion
- Iconic photos