

DESTINATION WEEKEND



Jason Hanley is the Vice President of Education and Visitor Engagement at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH. It is his responsibility to make sure that every guest who engages with the Museum learns about the history of rock and roll, and leaves inspired by its stories. Jason works to develop the Museum's award-winning programs at the preK-12, university, and adult learning levels. These programs take place both on-site and online and include the Rock Hall EDU educational platform. Jason helps plan and implement all the Museum's family and community events and partnerships, and live concerts – including the summer concert series Rock Hall Live. Jason also oversees the Museum's daily operations and visitor experience in several related departments. He is executive producer of the Museum's Rock Hall Honors series, the annual Rock

the Ryman event, and is often the face of the Rock Hall in interviews with artists, producers, and industry professionals. Jason has interviewed hundreds of artists including Les Paul, Roger Daltrey, Nile Rogers, YES, Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, Chuck D, and Sue Foley – helping them tell their stories and record their history for the Rock Hall archives.

Hanley holds a Ph.D. in Musicology from Stony Brook University and has been with the Rock Hall since 2004. Before coming to the Museum he worked in New York as a performing musician, songwriter, record label owner, scholar, and author - his book, *Music Lab, We Rock!: A Fun Family Guide for Exploring Rock Music History*, was released in 2014. Music has always been a central focus of his life, from seeing Elvis Presley when he was only five, performing live at CBGBs in the early 1990s, and his current work at the Rock Hall. Hanley has spent time at the lectern in several schools teaching classes in music history, electronic music, and popular music studies at Hofstra University, Stony Brook University, Cleveland State, Case Western, and Cuyahoga Community College. In 2015 he was awarded the Long Island Sound Award by the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame, and the Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival Alumni Award by Stony Brook University, and in 2025 he was inducted into the Sachem High School Hall of Fame.