

# Block Party!

## v5.1

For macOS 11+/Music v1.1+  
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Create a "Block Party!" playlist containing random Artists and a specified number of their randomly selected songs arranged in a row ("two-fers", "three-fers", and so on).

Universal, for macOS 11 and later only.

This script is Donationware. If you use it and like it please consider making a donation to support my AppleScripting efforts. [Click here for more info.](#)

## Installation:

This script, "Block Party!", is an **AppleScript applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. Thus, it can be installed anywhere you find it convenient to access. However, it is probably best accessed from the Script menu of the Music app from where it can be launched by clicking its name.

To make an AppleScript available in **the Music app's** Script menu, install it in the Music "Scripts" folder. This is located at `[user name] / Library / Music / Scripts /`. **Music** will look for AppleScripts in this folder.

*The user Library directory may be hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

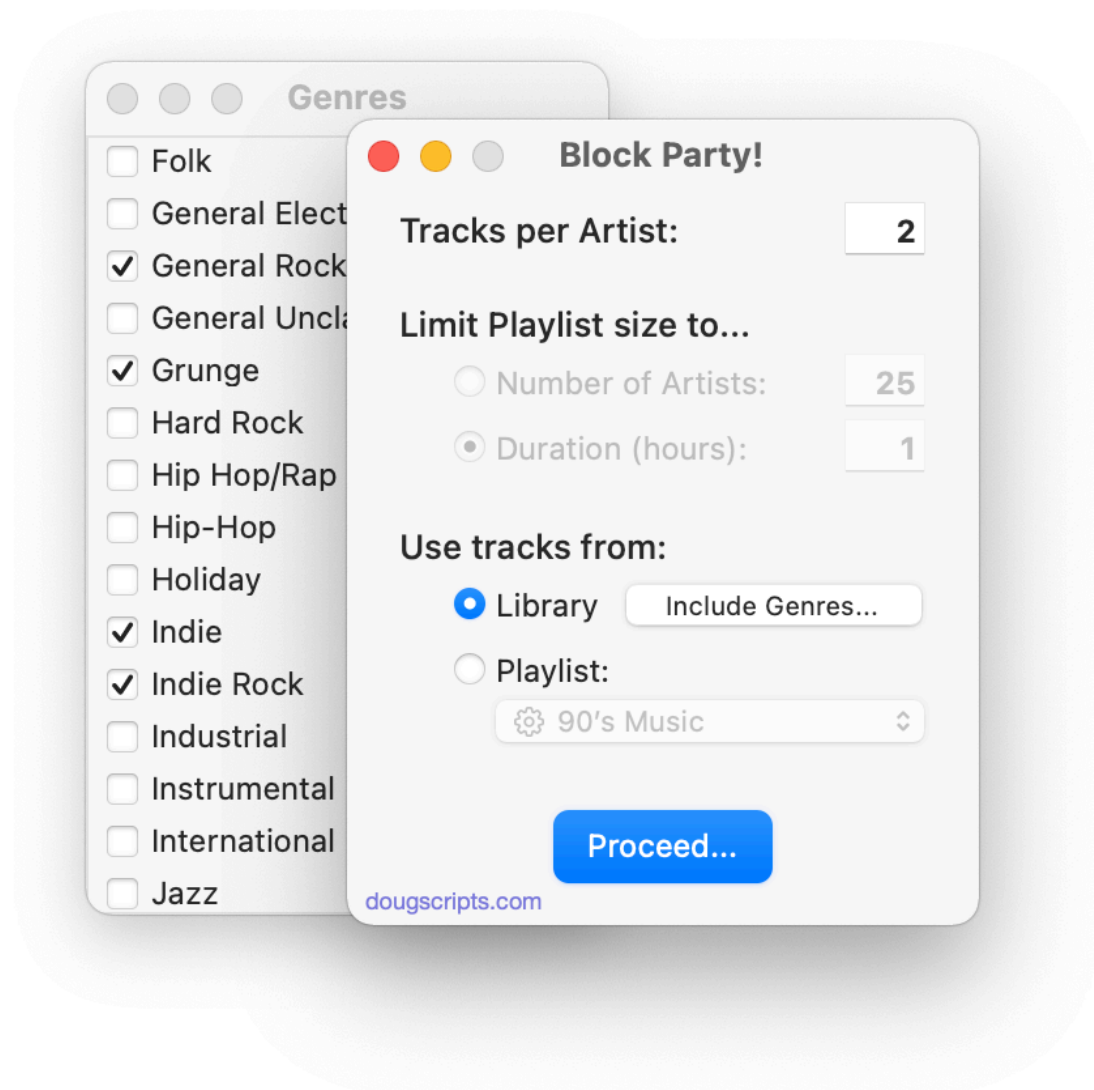
If the `[user name] / Library /` folder does not contain the "Music" folder or "Scripts" folder, then create them and put the script in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then

appear in the Music app's Script menu and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

**See the online Download FAQ for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.**

## How to use:

Launch the applet. It will float above other apps while active (this behavior can be toggled in the script's Preference panel):



- Enter the number of tracks per artist block.

- Choose to either create a Block Party playlist using a maximum number of Artists or maximum time length in (approximate) hours. - *Registered version only. In Demo Mode, a single one-hour (or so) Block Party playlist will be created per launch.*
- Choose to use tracks from the entire Music library or the tracks from a playlist selected in the popup.
- The **Include Genres** option will be available when the "Library" is selected as the source. Click this button to open a **panel** (on the left in the screenshot above) listing the current Genres in your Music library. Only tracks assigned a check-marked Genre will be used. **Option-click** a single checkbox to toggle them all on or off.

When the settings are the way you want them, click the "Proceed..." button.

The applet will create a new playlist called "Block Party!" made up of a random selection of Artists and a random selection of their tracks.

- The **Block Party!** playlist is semi-permanent. The applet will always use that playlist. If none exists or an earlier version was deleted, it will create one.

By default, Music creates new playlists in Playlist View. You'll probably want to keep your **Block Party!** playlist in this view or at least sorted by Play Order to maintain the order of tracks as they were added to the playlist. But, sometimes **shuffle** gets the job done, too.

## Helpful Links:

**Information and download link for this script is located at:**

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxblockparty>

**If you have any trouble with this script, please email me.**

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## **Recent Version History:**

**v5.1** February 9, 2023

- Maintenance and minor performance fixes
- Accommodations for macOS 13 Ventura

**v5.0** September 17, 2021

- Accommodations for macOS 12 Monterey

**v4.3** March 5, 2021

- Additional accommodations for macOS 11 Big Sur

**v4.2** November 1, 2020

- Additional accommodations for macOS 11 Big Sur

**v4.1** August 5, 2020

- Calculation and speed improvements
- Accommodations for macOS 11 Big Sur
- Performance, UI and security enhancements

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