

A House Concert in Your Home: Some Useful Details

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Getting me there...

I'll arrive no earlier or later than 5pm, except if we've agreed otherwise in our email or telephone conversations leading up to the date of the house concert. If I have need of ground transportation, we will discuss this; and, I'll do my best to provide you with everything you need to know to get me to your home.

Leading up to the show...

I will respect your need to keep your address private; but if you agree, I will make sure to promote your concert through social media and on my website, using the contact information that you provide to me when we set up this performance. Together, we'll also decide on things like suggestion donate or ticket price (a usual amount for me, is \$20-\$25) and start time for the show.

If you have any concerns prior to the date, please contact me (902-879-0209 or manitobahal@gmail.com) or my manager Nicole, at little acorn music management (613-323-1782 or nicole.littleacorn@gmail.com) as early as possible in the planning process, and we'll make sure to do our best to help.

The show itself...

I'll be traveling with my instruments, effect pedals and a small amp suitable for house concerts. I usually have a mic and stand with me; but together, we'll decide if that is necessary for the space I'll be playing in. Could you please provide some room temperature water for me during the show? I'd also appreciate if you could make available to me, a sturdy chair with no arms. I might not use this, but would appreciate the option. I'll need an electrical outlet near to where I'll be playing, and a small table nearby, too... for the water and other small items I'll need within reach.

I normally play a couple of sets of 45 minutes or so, with a break in between. During that break, I'd love to be able to meet your guests, and hopefully sell a few CDs. I'll bring some CDs and other merchandise, so I'll need a table or other flat surface where we can set that up ahead of time.

Awkward, money talk...

Whether you are collecting payment in advance or during the evening itself, I would appreciate payment in cash on the night of the concert. Please let me know ahead of time if: a) you are unable to do that, and b) if you will be deducting any of the door amount to cover some of your costs.

Putting up with me...

I am honoured that you've decided to host me in your home, and I promise to play a great show for you and your guests! I want to be at my best for that. To that end, here is a little bit about me: I love small portioned, healthy (home-cooked!) meals that focus on protein and veggies, rather than carb-intensive, convenience meals or fast-food ordered in. I have an intolerance to milk and dairy products; but, other than that, I have no food allergies. If supper is provided about two hours before show time, I am a very happy musician. I don't tend to sleep in very late but, if your morning routine requires me to be up at a certain time, please let me know. And if I need to be back on the road to my next gig at a certain time, I'll let you know that, too.

As I get ready for the evening, I'll need a quiet space (my guest bedroom?) with a mirror, an electrical outlet and some water. A private bedroom is so very much appreciated, with a bathroom close by, if possible.

I do much of my work on the road and need Internet for that. If you have a secure Wi-Fi network, I will need the access code for that. If the Internet is either not wireless or is unavailable, please let me know that ahead of time, as I will need to make alternate arrangements to keep up with business correspondence. Thank you!

"Charming villains have always had a decided social advantage over well-meaning people who chew with their mouths open."
~ Judith Martin, aka Miss Manners