

Hosting a Scatterlings House Concert

First of all, thank you for your interest in hosting a house concert for The Scatterlings. We are very excited about the prospect. Since many people are new to the world of house concerts, we've prepared this info sheet which answers the most common questions. It should provide you with a clear template for hosting an enjoyable and successful evening of music.

1. WHAT IS A HOUSE CONCERT?

House concerts can vary quite a bit from one another--from very intimate living room affairs with 20 people, to large outdoor deck mini-festivals with 200 people in a large yard. As the name implies, most are hosted in private homes, but some larger ones are hosted in community halls, church rooms, and offices. About the only definitive commonality is that they are hosted by individuals, as opposed to being hosted by commercial venues.



2. SPACE CONSIDERATION

Do you have a suitable space for hosting a house concert? Chances are you do, but it's important to do a fair appraisal of your situation and make sure you can fit at least 20 people into your space comfortably. Friends can generally help by bringing their own chairs and it's good to have an idea upfront if that will be necessary so you can include that information on invitations and announcements.

If you are concerned about the viability of your space, just ask us and we can discuss it and figure it out together.

3. THE MATTER OF MONEY

Generally speaking, the host requests that each guest contribute a suggested donation by the door. It is important to include this information in any invitations or announcements so that guests are not taken by surprise by an unexpected expense when they arrive at the house concert. Typically the suggested amount ranges from between \$15 to \$20 per guest. Money is always a flexible issue depending on the circumstances, and is always open to discussion.

4. PROMOTING THE CONCERT

The host's enthusiasm for our music and their event is the single biggest factor in generating excitement for the evening and getting folks out to the concert. So share your excitement with your friends and family and encourage them to spread the word. House concerts are truly grassroots affairs.

We will provide a downloadable flier that you can use on your invitations and social media announcements, as well as links to our music.

5. SETTING THE TONE

It is important to make it clear to your guests that this is a concert, not just a party with music going on in the background. We enjoy playing music for people to hear and interacting with the audience. That being said, a house concert is a wonderful social event, with mingling before and after the music. Many hosts choose to make the event a potluck, creating even more of a sense of community.

Contact us to plan your own house concert!

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