

The Debbie Miller House Concert Guide

Thank you for your interest in hosting a house concert. This document outlines how house concerts generally work, and will hopefully answer any questions you have. House concerts are exactly that - an intimate concert in your home. These types of shows are always a wonderful experience for all involved!

The space

The area you choose for the concert space should be able to fit 20+ people. For many that's the living room, but it can also be a porch, garden, etc. Couches, folding chairs, pillows and blankets (or any combination of these) work great for seating.

Here is an example:



Inviting your friends!

House concerts work best when there are **20 or more** people (*Adults only please!**) Facebook events and emails to your network are good ways to let people know about the show. Facebook events are also great to post videos, pictures and songs to get people excited for the show! I will help you out with the invite when it comes time.

**A note on kids and pets:* I love your children and your little critters! So please understand that the following is not meant to cause you any offense. An intimate house concert is almost like a bubble. Small bouncing children, while unbelievably adorable, can be very distracting to both the audience and the performer and break that bubble. This is also true for some animals (cats are typically not a problem) - barking dogs, claws pitter-pattering on the hardwood floors, etc. You know your kids and your pets better than me - together we can discuss options for the night of the show!

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The show is donation-based

I prefer not to charge a cover or even have a 'suggested donation'. This way anyone can attend no matter their financial situation, and no one feels any pressure to give a specific amount. Typically the host will make an announcement at the end of the show to encourage people to donate to the artist. I will give you a lot more information on how to do this and also give you a little cheat-sheet on the day of the show.

Timing

On the day of the show, I arrive 2 hours before showtime. This gives us time to get set up and square away some last minute items! The show will last approximately 1 hour. Then afterwards, we can hang out as little or as much as you want!

Sample show schedule:

6pm: Arrival and set-up

7pm: Guests start to arrive

8pm: Showtime!

9pm - ???: Mingling, selling CDs, hanging out.

10pm: Pack up and head out

Food and drink

This is completely up to you and what you want to provide for your guests. Asking guests to BYO food and/or beverage is a great way to go. Some hosts also enjoy providing some snacks/beverages for guests - feel free to keep it super laid back, or go all out. It doesn't matter!

My set-up

I travel with a guitar, keyboard, and ukulele. I have 1 microphone and a small speaker that is perfect for small and larger rooms - even an outdoor garden. I only need one outlet to plug everything in.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out:
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I look forward to creating a wonderful experience with you!

