



## MUSICIANS' INFORMATION SHEET

### ABOUT FREE TIMES CAFE

Free Times Cafe is a fully-licensed restaurant & entertainment venue, serving affordable Jewish, Middle-Eastern, and Canadian food.

We feature an intimate, all-ages club emphasizing original folk & jazz music, comedy & student recitals.

### BOOKING A SHOW

- E-mail: [freetimescafe@rogers.com](mailto:freetimescafe@rogers.com) with:
  - where you have played before
  - how many people you expect to draw
  - how many performers are in the act
  - link to your music
  - Possible dates you're interested in

### COVER CHARGE

- Performers keep 100% of the door, and are responsible for collecting their own cover
  - Btw \$10-25
  - **Payment options** - keep all income:
    - [Eventbrite](#)
    - Door cover w/someone to collect
    - Pay-What-You-Can
  - We can provide a door person for \$40, or to pass the jug for \$30
  - *Musicians cannot take up a table in the club room for collecting cover or selling merchandise.*

### REQUIREMENTS

- **We are a sit-down, full-service concert & event venue**, with professional sound & lighting, and a diverse menu of Jewish, Middle-Eastern, & Canadian classics
  - Capacity 45
    - Shared show: minimum **20 ppl**
    - Full night: minimum **35-40 ppl**
  - Minimum spend: **1 drink per person**
  - We encourage reservations with dinner
  - We **do not** provide an audience - you must promote and bring your own audience

### PROMOTION

- Send [freetimescafe@rogers.com](mailto:freetimescafe@rogers.com):
  - photo
  - 1-2-line **description** of your act
  - social media link**
- Create a Facebook Event and invite [@freetimescafe](#) as a co-host. [@freetimescafeofficial](#) is our Instagram. We list & promote all events on our [website](#) and social media.
- Have your audience call 416-967-1078 to reserve for dinner**, to guarantee them a seat for the show. All other audience can just come, and will be seated where available.

### EQUIPMENT & SETUP

- From 6pm. Concerts start between **7:30-9pm** Soundcheck must be done by 30 minutes before the show.
- **Full drum kits will not be allowed to set up. A pared-down kit is essential.**
  - Jazz combos are limited to trios at maximum
- **Artists set up & soundcheck themselves.**
  - If Free Times Cafe provides a sound person, there is a **\$60** sound person fee, for up to 3 hours.
- Free Times Sound Gear:
  - 12-channel Yorkville mixer, 4 dynamic microphones/stands/cables, 2 gtr stands, 2 speakers & 2 monitors.
  - House acoustic guitar & 76-key digital piano.
  - All above gear must be accounted for at the end of each performance.
- Instrument cases & personal possessions **must** go downstairs in staff room before soundcheck.
- **Seats are for audience only.**
  - Coats & bags must be hung up outside the room.
  - Musicians cannot sit in the Club Room before the show, when the event is full - there is room in the adjoining Bistro for the band. The band can move into the Club Room, if & when it is not full.
- Merchandise can be set up & displayed outside the Club Room

### FOOD & DRINK CREDIT/PROMO

- Musicians get 50% off food, and one complimentary drink- beer, single mixed-drink, non-alcoholic beverage, etc.

**IMPORTANT: Free Times is a concert venue - if you bring no one, no one will be there, and you will not be invited to return. If you say you can draw 15-25 people, we expect that amount.**