



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 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
 - Your phone number

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
 - *Cover collection & merchandise sales can be done at the booth outside the Club Room.*

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

- a) Send freetimescafe@rogers.com:
 - photo
 - 1-2-line **description** of your act
 - social media link**
- b) 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.
- c) **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.

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.*

* *Cancellations the day of the event or cancellations by e-mail are not acceptable. Call 416-967-1078 with any concerns.*