

## *Hello!*

Thank you for checking out the House Party concept! This type of entertainment is donation-based like the House Concert, but much more casual.

This guide will take you step by step through the process of booking, organizing and hosting a House Party. Please read this guide in its entirety – even if you have hosted a House Party before – so that we are on the same page throughout the planning stages.



## THE “PARTY”

So, you have decided to have a party with your friends, and you think, “It would be great to have live music/entertainment, but I don’t think I can afford to hire someone”. This is exactly the moment to consider having me fill that void! 😊

The party can be anywhere that’s considered a private space – your back yard, driveway, a back deck, a family room, barn, apartment club house, garage, by a creek or river (my favorite), local winery, studio, local theater – anywhere a party may be held! The idea is FUN for everyone!

The entertainment can be placed in a prominent place or to the side. The concept here is live music is being provided and guests are free to be with their friends AND enjoy the music. Music selections will be mostly cover songs and some original music. Singing along and dancing to the music is highly encouraged!

If you are planning on a party in a public space (city park, back patio of a bar/restaurant, campground, or any place others will hear the music) and wish to have live entertainment, please check local parameters of noise/time frames.



## THE DATE

If you have a date in mind, please contact me as early as possible so my calendar may be marked as “booked”. If you are considering several dates but haven’t yet decided, reach out and we can settle on a date that works for all.

## THE GUESTS

This is completely up to the discretion of the host. Invite as many people as you wish. Once you have a relatively accurate number of guests, please let me know so I can bring the proper amount of equipment.

## INVITATIONS

When you send your invites or create an Event on social media, please let your guests know in advance there will be live entertainment that is donation-based.

The wording can be precise, like, “There will be donation-based live entertainment at the party! Please consider showing appreciation by contributing to them.”

This lets your guests know in advance about contributing but doesn’t obligate them.



**At this point, you may not find the donation-based entertainment at your House Party appealing, and more importantly, you may think your friends may find this a little off putting. This is easily solved by paying an upfront guarantee for your entertainment. Either way works well, and if you find this alternate approach to your liking, please contact me and we can discuss the fee structure for non-donation entertainment.**

## **PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**

On the day of the House Party, I will arrive 90 minutes before the party starts. The equipment will be set up and a sound check will be done.



Contributions can be made into a container near the setup. I can provide signs thanking them and how to make electronic donations through Venmo, PayPal or other options. There will also be books of titles for guests to make requests. There will also be merchandise for guests to purchase.

After the party is under way and during a break in the music, it's encouraged the host announce to the guests who their entertainment is and if they wish, they may make a contribution. This can happen a couple of times, but that is only at the host's discretion.

And that's pretty much it!!

***Boom!! You have created a very memorable evening for all and are now the envy of your friends and neighbors!!***