Thank you for your interest in hosting a house concert with PEAR DUO. This information should prove useful to decide if hosting is right for you.

#### **HOW MUCH SPACE DO I NEED?**

A house concert is a concert in a house or apartment, a community center, garden or back yard. It does not have to be grand, just inviting and comfortable with an area for us to set up and seating for all guests. If you would like to do it outside, shade during the day or some sort of lighting in the evening should be considered, as well as access to power.





## WHAT DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

As the host, you have complete discretion as to what sort of party you



would like to throw. A simple event with light appetizers and refreshments, fully catered, a pot luck, you name it. The most important thing is that we are together and enjoying great music and wonderful company.

#### **HOW WILL THE EVENING PLAY OUT?**

To start, there's usually some sort of mingling period, for a half hour to an hour, where we can meet and chat with your friends. It's a great opportunity to get to know folks before we start to play.

When "start time" rolls around, we can all get settled in and the concert commences . . .





## **HOW LONG WILL YOU PLAY?**

We usually play one 90 minute show. Everyone settles into their seats followed by an introduction of some sort. It is important for your guests to understand that this is a listening event, not just a party that has some music going on in the background.

After we can share a beverage with you and your friends and enjoy the night with laughs and a good hang.



## **HOW DO I GET PEOPLE TO SHOW UP?**

Enthusiastic word of mouth is by far the most affective way to get folks to come to a house concert you are hosting. We can help you with fliers (paper & electronic versions), as well



as some links to share (video clips, songs, etc...). RSVPing is a good idea to get some idea of how many folks to expect. Evites are great at keeping track of your guest list, and Facebook events are useful for this type of thing as well. We are happy to help you in any way we can and are able to post regularly to encourage folks to attend and hype it all up. It is important to note: you cannot sell or advertise tickets for sale. House concerts are a donation based event and should be advertised as such.



# **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

As a donation based event, hosts ask guests to pay a suggested donation (\$20-\$25 is typical). If you are looking to be voted "Friend of the Year" you can pay a flat fee so your friends can attend for free. Please note, unless otherwise agreed upon, we have a minimum of \$1,000. If the donations

do not add up to that, you as the host accept responsibility to cover the balance. We hope the party will be a great success and bring in lots more than this, but in light of our travel expenses, it is helpful for us to establish at least this minimum.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?



After loading in the gear and setting it up, freshening up is a must. A room with access to a bathroom where we have a bit of privacy would do the job perfectly. We also have a small merchandise stand. If you have a central location where we can set up our display we would be very appreciative.

It means a great deal to us that you would invite us into your home and let us share our music with you and your friends. We promise to reciprocate the gesture by treating your home and friends respectfully and helping you throw a party you all will never forget. We want this to be a totally unique experience! It is a performance unlike the typical concert experience.



WE LOVE OUR HOSTS! For us you guys are the rockstars. Without you, we could not do what we do. We refer to you all as our host family because that's what we are. House concerts are very intimate and because of that, at the end we are forever connected as friends.

Thanks so much,
Curtis and Julie