

House Concert Helps

Keep it simple. Once you have decided to host a House Concert consider the following:

1. Don't worry about having your "physical" house in perfect shape. Remember the purpose of this concert. (*See sample invitation*) You may want to read Luke 10:38-42.
2. Do NOT wait for the perfect time or you will never do this.
3. Do not be concerned over "serving" anything, it is NOT necessary. Jesus said "man does not live by bread alone..." Again, remember the purpose of the concert. If you choose to, just serve coffee, soft drinks, water, etc. You can even ask folks to bring a dish of snacks to pass. This method encourages lots of variety, fun, participation and sharing of people's favorite snack. It's just plain good fellowship. But remember - none of this should stop you from having the concert if you want to have it.
4. Don't worry about "convincing your friends" to come. Use "your" version of my sample invitation, send your friends to my website – www.larryrossi.org and let THEM make the decision, isn't that why God gave us free will anyway?
5. Do not be concerned with how many people come. Jesus said "for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Isn't that all we really want, an opportunity to stretch our spiritual muscles with those we love and who love God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

There are a few things that you will need to do: (Easy as 1,2 3!)

1. Find a mutual open date between your schedule and Larry's. You know your perspective guests better than anyone, allow only enough lead-time necessary for them to make a decision.
2. You need a room that you can seat approximately 15-20+ people. Living room, dining room, combinations of rooms, etc. You would be very surprised at how many "seats" you actually have available once you move a few things around. If you do not have enough chairs, ask your guests if they have a folding chair or two that they would be willing to bring. You can even include a line about this in your invitation if necessary. (*see sample*)
3. Larry needs a chair and an area around the chair of a couple of feet. If your room is really big, plan enough room for him to set up a "mic" and a small speaker system, otherwise he will come with just his acoustic guitar.

That's pretty much it! Some folks in the past have added a little ambiance by dimming the lights and lighting a few candles around the room. Use your imagination, it is your concert and you can be as creative as you like. Again, the purpose is sharing God's love with others; nothing else should take precedence.

With regard to the "suggested donation" on the invitation:

The suggested donation at this time is \$10 per person (though any amount is appreciated) with all proceeds going directly to www.lifetoday.org to benefit the hungry and thirsty of the world. Please visit their website for more information. A host may also choose to make the entire or part of the donation on behalf of his/her guests thereby reducing their portion.

God bless you. I hope this sheet has been helpful. **Let's do a House Concert!** Peace, Larry