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Ask us for the date of the next Acoustic Coffeehouse!

FAQ List



What is the Skyline Acoustic Coffeehouse?

It's an opportunity for our customers and students who write their own acoustic guitar music to showcase their work for an audience of other writers and friends. It's an evening to meet and hear other people who like to do what you do, and network, learn, and enjoy.

How can I participate?

Show up with your guitar and sign up to perform. Our students can sign up in advance through their teacher, but we'll also sign people up starting when the doors open, about a half hour before the performances start. There are a limited number of slots for performers, so sign up early if you want to be sure to play. Like many "open mic" nights, it's first-come, first served.

How long can I play?

In order to give everyone a chance to have their material heard, each player is allotted about five minutes—enough for one, maybe two songs. On occasion, there will be featured performers programmed at the end of the evening. These may be local professionals acting as hosts for the event, or artists who have attended previous Coffeehouse events and proven themselves with their material and stage presence. If you'd like to be a featured performer, show up with your best stuff and get noticed.

Can I sing?

That's usually a matter of opinion, but singer/songwriters are welcome as long as the material is family-friendly. If you'd perform the song for your mom, it would be OK at the Coffeehouse. Likewise, if the room usually clears whenever you start to sing, you might want to heed the hint.

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What equipment do I need?

We'll have a PA setup with mics for voice and guitars that aren't acoustic/electric, just to be sure everyone can be heard. Just bring your instrument. We're trying to feature the material and keep transitions simple, so please don't bring outboard effects, pet amps, five different guitars, or backing tracks. The whole idea is to showcase the songs: you should be able to pull off your material by just sitting down anywhere with your instrument and playing. The PA will just make sure everyone in the room can hear.



Can I bring my band?

Sure...for moral support. We limit the stage to duos (two guitars, guitarist & singer, etc.) and any instruments played should be acoustic. There are other venues for bands—this is about the songs.

Can I invite friends?

Yes—but try to limit it to a handful of people rather than trying to get every MySpace friend to show up and cheer you on. This isn't about how many people you can draw—save that for the clubs that give you the gate. Think of it as an opportunity to try out material to an appreciative audience.

Can I get a recording of my performance?

We will be set up to do video, but since these are performances of everyone's own material, you'll have to OK having us record it as you sign up. For \$1, we'll burn you a copy of your segment onto a CD (available within a few days—we won't be set up to burn on the spot). Further, if you're willing to have your performance posted on our YouTube channel, you can OK that as well. (Once posted, you can embed it in your website or MySpace page as well.) Since some of the material may not be registered for copyright, we're not going to post any of your stuff unless you explicitly give us permission to do so. Even then, we recommend that you register your material for your protection.

