

Fiddlers2 Concert Guide

Thank you so much for your interest in hosting a concert! We love the connection and intimacy of the concerts we give and look forward to a creating a magical time as we share the music of Scotland and Ireland with you and your friends. We hope that this guide will give you an idea of what to expect during the process, provide you with all the necessary information for invites and advertising, and get you excited and looking forward to your concert!

Why host a concert?

- To offer an enriching, relaxing, and rejuvenating time for your family and friends
- It offers community, warmth, intimacy, and friendship
- To connect with and make new friends
- A reminder of what is important in life
- The smaller audience makes the listening experience powerfully immediate, and creates a close connection between the audience and the artists
- It is a great way to make live music accessible
- To be inspired and rediscover your own creativity
- To learn about the amazing history and culture of fiddle music, with emphasis on Celtic music

The Venue

The “venue” part of the concert can be many different things including: living rooms, backyards, back patios, small houses, big houses, condos, apartments, wineries, studios, the local theater, community center - basically anywhere that you have access to and where your friends can gather around and enjoy a concert. The most important thing is that everyone has space to gather close and be seated during the concert. Mingling before and after can of course spill over into other rooms/areas, but during the concert it’s really important that everyone is gathered in the same space. If there aren’t enough chairs, sitting on the floor or grass outdoors can be an option as well.

Inviting your guests

Aim for 20-50 guests (co-hosting is always an option to get higher numbers) – 20 people at \$20 per ticket is the minimum number we need for a successful concert

Evite and punchbowl are wonderful email formats for invitations, or if you are not a fan of technology (like Holly), good old -fashioned phone calls, texts, and personal emails work great as well.

Remember to keep track of RSVP’s, and you can also create a waiting list so you can fill in cancellations if spaces fill up.

An email invite can include information like “Tickets are \$20 at the door (100% goes to the musicians). Doors open 7pm. Concert at 8pm. Bring potluck snacks/BYOB if you wish. Spread the word!”

Depending on the type of atmosphere you would like to create, light refreshments, snacks, or even a potluck dinner can be a wonderful addition to the mingling aspect of the concert (though not at all required).

Most hosts tell their guests that doors open anywhere from 30 min-1 hour before the concert start time.

We recommend emphasizing in fliers, invitations, and emails that the concert has an official start time, so guests don't arrive late or miss the program entirely.

If there will be other musicians attending in the audience and the host is comfortable going late, Holly is happy to host a jam session after the concert for 30 minutes – 1 hour

Advertising

Feel free to use pictures, videos, and/or text from our website at Fiddlers2.com, or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=fiddlers2>. We also have recordings from our CD on both YouTube and Spotify (a few recording links are included below if you want to include them in emails so people can hear the kind of music they'll be experiencing).

<https://youtu.be/gMhZSDqxpjA>

<https://youtu.be/XCgvsYXoGdY>

<https://youtu.be/5VSxU16HJxg>

Fiddlers2 Band Bio:

Hailing from the West Coast, Nevada-based Celtic band Fiddlers2 brings an unforgettable musical experience. Holly Sternberg, three-time Nevada State Fiddle Champion (and winner of the California Western Open), and Vanessa Porter, classical violinist extraordinaire, are so excited to be performing for you in June. It has been far too long since we've heard live music and seen real people's lovely, in person faces, and it is high time for some good old-fashioned fun, gathering, and sharing in the experience of music.

Music touches people's souls. It creates a bridge that reaches across space and time, through generations and memory, and between the hearts of those who listen. Though they come from very different backgrounds, Vanessa and Holly joined as Fiddlers2 to create a truly unique interweaving of Irish, Scottish, and Cape Breton music. With a nod to tradition and the added flair of their own contemporary arrangements, they harmoniously blend their Classical and Celtic styles, breathing life into music that touches every range of human emotion, from the most profound sorrow to the most inspiring joy.



<https://linktr.ee/fiddlers2>

This link and QR Code will send people to all things Fiddlers2 in one spot, so you don't have to copy and paste multiple links and no one gets overwhelmed. To use the code, access the camera on your phone and focus it over the pattern above (do not take an actual picture). A yellow box will appear on your screen - tap the box and it will take you to all the information you could possibly want or need. You can make the QR code above bigger or smaller as you need and it will still work.

Hosting your Concert

We will arrive 30 minutes before doors open (or earlier if you would like more time to chat or advice on set up, we want time to get to visit with you personally and thank you for what you're doing for us!)

Our concert will be composed of two roughly 45 minute sets, with a 15 minute break for an intermission.

If your concert is outdoors, please make sure all sprinklers and water systems are turned off.

You can designate someone to take payments at the door, or have a container with a sign for ticket price (\$20) at the door.

When the concert is ready to start, if you are comfortable, host can make an introduction (or we can do it ourselves too, we don't mind).

Example of Concert Program

5:30	Arrive at host's venue and set up
6	Guests start to arrive, mingle. Host collects payments.
7	Showtime
7:45	Intermission
8	Show resumes
8:45	Performance ends; Guests visit with artists, can buy CD's
9	Session starts (if host audience musician members desire)
10	Wrap things up

Thank you again so much for being willing to host a concert! We hope this is helpful, and we are so excited to play for everyone and share our passion for this music. Please feel free to email, text, or call with any other questions or if you need anything else from us.

"I cannot thank you enough for a spectacular evening! Everyone enjoyed your music!" – Pat Wetzel

"Your concert was super! I loved the cozy atmosphere you create, meeting fellow guests, and your performance was both educational and inspirational!" – Greta Engelbrecht

"A true celebration of the fiddle" - Rebecca Lomnicky, National Scottish Fiddle Champion, and fiddler for the Scottish band "The Fire"