

# Hosting a family-friendly house concert is easy!

Our family friendly house gigs are a lovely way of engaging children and young people with live music. They bring the family together and allow for time to enjoy music together in a very relaxed, informal home setting. They're more fluid than the usual house concerts as we know that most children aren't going to be able to sit still for half an hour (our three young children won't anyway!) so we try and get the children to sit and engage with the music, but we also have songs dotted around to break it up for them that they can join in with a bag of instruments for them to join in with! Jen also runs toddler music classes, so we sometimes add in a few childrens songs if it feels like it would help the children there!

1. All you need is a house, well actually just a room, and size doesn't really matter! A lounge, conservatory, garden (weather permitting!), anywhere is fine, and cosy is good!  
With the family concerts, we recommend having some blankets for the children to get snuggly with and some nibbles. Although we don't go on late, some of them get a bit sleepy so to be able to snuggle up is nice for them! If you happen to have a spare room with some blankets and a movie or some books at the ready just in case, that can be helpful as a back-up!
2. You only need about 10-14 days before the event to allow for inviting people.
3. You invite friends, family, neighbours for an intimate afternoon or evening of music with a professional singer songwriter duo (using links provided) with plenty of time for mingling before, between and after our sets.
4. You need at least 6-8 adults for it work well, 10-15 is the best but you don't need to have 30+ people in your home! Just make sure you have more adults than kids!
5. You don't need anything special, no PA is used, no stage is needed, not even extra seats as the floor and some cushions is perfectly acceptable. We will bring along anything we need. Candles (out of reach of little ones!), fairy lights etc make the place feel extra cosy, so feel free to pop some around the place if you like!
6. Our payment is by donations from the guests and any CD's sold by us.  
We work on a 'pay what you feel' basis, so there's no pressure to put in a particular amount.
7. The evening itself is very easy and loose. For concerts with children we usually say to get guests to arrive after 5.30pm so children have had time to eat tea, then we start around 6pm and finish up by 8pm ish. We're very flexible though, so we'll work with whatever you feel would work for you and your guests.  
We then play about 30 mins of our own self written material, talking a little about some of the songs, and then we take a break and grab some wine and chat!  
After the break we play another 30 mins of music and then we all get to hang out and enjoy each others company for a while until people are ready to go home.  
We'll hopefully sell some cd's and people hopefully will put something in the hat!
8. Of course drinks and nibbles make the evening feel nice too, so either provide whatever snacks and drinks you like, or encourage people to bring something with them to add to the table. Some people start the evening a bit earlier with a BBQ or a bring and share dinner before the music starts, which creates a lovely community feel!
9. The only important thing for guests to understand is that this is NOT a party with live music for the entertainment, but this IS an intimate, special concert with plenty of opportunities to chat before and after the music.

10. Links to help you promote your house concert:

Acoustic videos - [www.seekermusic.co.uk/video.html](http://www.seekermusic.co.uk/video.html)

House gigs page [www.seekermusic.co.uk/house-concerts.html](http://www.seekermusic.co.uk/house-concerts.html)

Our social media pages:

[www.facebook.com/seekermusic](http://www.facebook.com/seekermusic)

[www.instagram.com/seekermusic](http://www.instagram.com/seekermusic)

*We look forward to seeing you soon!*



*Our family!*