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It's an invitation-only concert in someone's home, presented by a host who does not profit from the event.

Also, house concerts are *usually*...

- held indoors and on weekends
- attended by 20-50 people
- paid for by a \$10-25 donation per guest (for the performer)
- known to include light snacks, beverages or a pot-luck dinner
- attended by the host's friends, neighbors, co-workers, and maybe a few fans of the artist
- attended by a 25-60 age group
- performed by solo, duos and small groups
- performed with little to no amplification
- very intimate - the audiences sit close and are attentive
- performed in 2, 40-minute sets with a 20 minute break
- stronger for artist's merchandise sales than traditional venues
- booked with and without a financial guarantees (can vary by host and by artist)
- known to house and feed the artist for the night

Although house concerts will adhere to most of these traditions, you may not find any house concerts that run exactly according to the list above. Each house concert is a collaboration between an artist, a host/presenter, and their friends and supporters.

Actually, this is a great checklist to go through when artists are working out details with a house concert host. Some surprises are nice, some aren't. It's a good habit to ask questions, don't be shy.

**Would you like Beth to do a House Concert for YOU??**

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