

Criteria for Weekend Music Performance

Thank you for your interest in performing at Crazy Wisdom Bookstore & Tea Room! I appreciate your inquiry, and am always on the lookout for new talent and quality performers. I do not book anyone I've never heard, whether in person or via MP3s or CDs, so please be certain to direct me toward samples of your music, or drop off a CD at the store, to my attention. (Michelle Wilbert, music@crazywisdom.net)

All performers should realize that we are a small room (comfortably seating about 35-40 people), and on the weekends, the Tea Room becomes a listening room environment, which means that all of the attention is on the performer(s) and the music, rather than on conversation and loud talking. I book a variety of genres, which to date have included folk, acoustic Americana, bluegrass, jazz, world music, pop-rock and alt-punk, but given the small space, some types of music will obviously work better than others. I try to be there to host the shows (announce you, upcoming performances, and pass the tip jar), although in my absence, the Tea Room staff does a wonderful job.

The bar has been raised pretty high for the caliber of performance on the weekends. My set criteria include the following:

- Performers must have been playing in established venues (other than at open mics) for at least one year;
- Performers should have a website, Facebook band page or ReverbNation page which contains music samples, calendar/touring schedules and contact information;
- Performers should have a CD, whether demo or released, or one in the works;
- Performers should be able to perform two (2) solid hours of **mostly original** material;
- If a split bill is desired, any other band or performer added to a booked gig must be first approved by me;
- Performers are required to read and return to me a Performance Agreement, listing out the date of the gig, expectations that I will have of you, and what you can expect from me/Crazy Wisdom staff;
- We are a family-friendly environment, so no repeated vulgarity or X-rated material is acceptable;
- Pay is \$50 plus the tip jar (no negotiation possible on this), as well as a reasonable amount of food and beverages from the Tea Room for all performers.

If you feel you meet the above criteria, please feel free to contact me. I will try to respond to you within 3-5 business days, but please be patient! If I have not responded within two weeks, by all means please contact me again. I try to respond to everyone that contacts me, whether or not I choose to book you for a weekend performance.

Thanks for making and supporting live music!