



Victorian Folk Music Club Inc.

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Information for Prospective Performers

Thank you for your interest in performing at our concert in Ringwood. Here is some general info about performing at our concert night.

The gig

Ringwood Folk is a Tuesday night event run by the Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC). A concert is held on the second Tuesday of every month, sessions are held on the other Tuesday nights. The concerts kick off at 7.45 pm with spot acts, break for supper at about 8:45 pm, then resume at 9:00 pm with the guest act playing through to around 10:00 pm, and finish up by chatting with the audience, selling CDs etc.

Four to five times a year we have a paid support act as well as the main guest act. On these nights, we commence spot acts at 7:45 pm, the support act commences at 8:15 pm and runs to supper at 8:45 pm, then we resume at 9:00 pm with the guest act as above.

Arrival time

Please arrive around 7:15pm, introduce yourself to the stage manager and take the time to familiarise yourself with the stage setup. If you have more than one instrument to carry up to the stage or other specific performance requirements, please let the stage manager know. You will have time to set up during the supper break.

The audience

We are a traditional club and the average age of the audience would be mature-age; they are attentive and appreciative. Our audiences love singing along and appreciate tunes they can recognise. That's not to say we are not open to contemporary pieces- check out the list of Past Performers on our website at www.vfmc.org.au/pastArtists.php.

The venue

Our concert venue is the East Ringwood Senior Citizens' Hall, 2-8 Laurence Grove, East Ringwood. It is a moderately small hall with a flat wooden floor and a raised stage at one end. Seating capacity in the hall is up to 100pax, there is an artist's greenroom and space for selling CDs at the registration desk after your performance.

Sound

To best cater to the needs of our audience, we provide one or two microphones for sound reinforcement purposes. We strongly encourage you to use a microphone when speaking to the audience. Your speaking voice is generally quieter than your singing voice, and some of our audience will have trouble hearing you without assistance from the microphone. We provide another microphone for the MC.

We find that some of our experienced guest acts have the skills to project their voices in the hall, and they prefer the intimacy of an unamplified performance.

In certain circumstances, generally where a very quiet instrument is involved, or where an instrument requires amplification to make a sound (e.g. an electronic keyboard) we have permitted appropriate amplification. If you think this might be necessary, please contact us before you accept a gig offer from us.

Note: any electrical equipment you bring must have a current sticker to demonstrate that it has been tested and tagged by an authorised tester.

Financials

We charge \$15 general admission, \$13 for concession card holders and \$11 for VFMC members. Children are admitted free. We are a family-oriented club, and we try to keep charges low, especially given it is a weeknight.

We pay our guest acts 80% of the net door takings (after overheads), subject to a minimum of \$300. Support acts are paid a fixed fee of \$75. Spot acts are admitted to the concert at members' rates.

Confirmation & publicity

We generate publicity via printed flyers and posters distributed to other clubs, local public places, local newspapers and community radio stations. To enable us to confirm your booking please send the items listed below to concerts@vfmc.org.au as soon as possible. This will enable us to start generating publicity. Any links to web sites etc. will be included on our concerts page.

- A couple of good high-resolution pictures suitable for printing.
- One or two mp3 tracks or a CD if you have one. These are for radio airplay
- Website / Face book / social media addresses
- A short descriptive biography.

Don't forget to use your own mailing lists, social media, other gigs etc. to promote your performance to your followers.

Contact details

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