OPEN MIC General Guidelines



GENERAL Guidelines

- 1. We ask that performers practice good judgment on subject matter. Though the event is for ages 14-Adult, younger children may be in the audience. Keeping content TV-PG is strongly advised. City staff may reserve the authority to dismiss performers for the following but not limited to.
 - a. Being rude or disrespectful to performers, audience members, staff, or volunteers.
 - b. Content deemed as hate-speech.
 - c. Excessively offensive language, physical gestures
 - d. Violence or threats thereof.
- 2. What is provided: three mics, three ¼ inch inputs, keyboard (88, weighted keys with pedal), three mic stands, various percussion, two music stands.
- 3. All acts must be self-contained allowing for minimal set-up and strike time. Staff may exercise their authority to disallow certain acts based on excessive and/or unrealistic equipment needs.
- 4. All performers must be ages 14 years old and up at the time of the performance date
- 5. Being positive and "talking-up" your fellow performers is encouraged and great for the show.
- 6. All performance slots are limited to 5 minutes (maximum). Artists may sign-up for up to 3 slots if space allows.
- 7. All performers are expected to purchase a \$10 ticket for the evening www.firehousearts.org.
- 8. All performers must sign-up for the performance starting 30-minutes prior to the start of the show on a first-come, first-served basis the night of the performance.
- 9. After slots are filled performers may be place on a waiting list. This waiting list will only be used if all scheduled acts have finished performing more than 15 minutes before the scheduled end of the show.
- 10. Performers MUST be ready in the performance space/audience before they are scheduled to perform. Staff and volunteers will not search for performers. Performers are responsible for keeping track of their place in the performance line-up. Performers not ready at the time of their performance may lose their spot.
- 11. The City of Pleasanton may take photographs, video, or audio recordings for social media, ads, or various program publicity, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would like to opt out of this.

MUSIC Act Guidelines

- Singing to a karaoke track is allowed, but we ask that you point city staff to a link to the track or email it to <u>hsmc@cityofpleasantonca.gov</u> at least an hour before the start of the show.
- 2. Repeating songs from another performer's set is discouraged. Make sure to have extra songs ready just in case a performer before you performs a song you planned on. Having a diverse set list throughout the night tends to hold the audience's attention.
- 3. All acts must be self-contained. No full drum sets, full/half-stack amplifiers, etc. will be allowed in the interest of set up time. up to two small guitar amps will be allowed onstage at a time.

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD, IMPROV, and STAND-UP Acts Guidelines

- 1. Readings, sets, or games must be limited to 5 minutes each.
- 2. Please make sure your partners and group members are ready to perform.
- 3. Limited space is available for improv, please keep this in mind when planning your set.

