

# Taste Budd's Cafe Musician's Information

## Live Performances

Taste Budd's Cafe  
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Taste Budd's offers artists a truly unique performance opportunity. The cafe has a steady flow of customers most of the year and averages 120 transactions between 11:00am and 4:00pm. Live music has been continuously booked at Taste Budd's since December 2005.

Live Music is booked **1:00pm - 3:00pm every Saturday and Sunday**. Evening shows can be booked for artists who are interested and approved, however there is no house tip or stipend, only free meal and tips by attendees. Attendance for evening shows tends to be slow (no alcohol is served), unless there is a local draw.

All artists booked for **1:00pm - 3:00pm** weekend shows receive a **\$15 stipend and free meal**. Other compensation is usually taken by the artists themselves in the form of **tips**. Artists are also presented with a great avenue to **sell merchandise and CD's** and are welcome to keep 100% of their sales. Certain performances are booked for a \$50 stipend and free meal. These are limited to 4 per month. Artists **ONLY** are entitled to the free meal and **ONLY 1 to 3 artists** may be included in a performance (the space is small). Performers can collect house tips or stipends from the cafe supervisor at the end of the show.

Taste Budd's only books **acoustic performances** (acoustic electric guitars are acceptable). Please **DO NOT** call Taste Budd's Cafe for information regarding booking. Floor staff and manager will not be able to help you. Digital files of sample music are required to book someone. Taste Budd's **WILL NOT** offer booking dates; rather, artists must review Taste Budd's **event calendar ([http://www.tastebudds.com/Events-Calendar\\_ep\\_51.html](http://www.tastebudds.com/Events-Calendar_ep_51.html))** to search for open dates to request. If there is no Live Music posted to the calendar on a Saturday or Sunday (1-3pm) consider the date open. Please give up to 5 business days for submission response. We can receive up to 5 submissions daily and generally work on responses once a week.

Taste Budd's typically books 8 performers monthly. Artists booked will be posted on Taste Budd's event calendar and if in time will be included in the enews sent to approximately 1500 clients. Posters can be posted in the cafe foyer and notice boards. Hard copy of enews is also posted and Taste Budd's notice board. Enews includes digital image, bio and website links.

## ***The Venue:***

Taste Budd's Cafe seat 49 people inside and 60 more outside. **Acoustic instruments ONLY** are allowed. Quiet percussion instruments are okay. If performers must play loud this is **NOT** the venue for them. **Coffee house music is expected**. This means that customers must be able to easily converse with each other during live performances. Cashiers must be able to

easily hear customers at the registers. Even good music can be irritating when it is too loud. Generally expect to play music of various genres that is enchanting, charming and warms the cafe. Customers will listen and enjoy. The stage/corner is at our **guitar mural**. If more than three equipment cases are used please ask cafe supervisor to place them safely in the back for stage during the show (the space is small).

***Sound:***

**NO amplifier or PA sound equipment is to be brought to the cafe** (a small amplifier for electric bass is acceptable if acoustic bass is not possible). Taste Budd's will provide 2 microphone, 2 cables and two mic stands (one boom and one straight) plus a BOSE system and mixing board with 6 inputs mounted on the wall in the stage/corner. You can bring more microphones if desired. There is **no sound assistant or MC**, artists are expected to set up and plug in and introduce themselves. To reduce the loud sound in one corner and balance the sound throughout the space there are 8 surround speakers. 2 stage speaker/monitors, 2 front, 2 back and 2 outdoor/patio speakers. Artists can set their own gain and volume levels at the mixer (power switch on top). Ask the cafe supervisor to turn the music off when you are ready to play.

***House Rules:***

**Music volume must not be too loud.** Customers must be able to converse normally. No cover charge (unless previously arranged), wear respectable attire (casual is fine), arrive with enough time to set up and start on time, stop performing on time, **NO PROFANITY**, expect to perform for an audience of all ages, **no alcohol**. Announcements can be made about future shows but should include and encourage attendance at Taste Budd's shows. Encourage audience to purchase Taste Budd's delicious foods and beverages to continue free attendance for live music. Musician's tips can be encouraged.

See supervisor at end of performance for stipend or house tip payment. **Enjoy yourself!**