

**Performing at the Port City Pub:
Helpful Information for Musicians**

Live Music Saturday!- This is our premier musical event each week. *Live Music Saturday!* features regional and nationally established artists who are well known to our booking staff, and who will bring people into the Pub for their performance. *Live Music Saturday!* shows run from 9pm until midnight, and performer compensation is negotiable. Performances are often well attended, which gives the artist an opportunity to perform for a full room. This is also a good chance to enhance your following and collect additional names for your contact list.

Performers with a professional product, and local and national press, may send a promo package for consideration to:

The Port City Café and Pub
P.O. Box 629
424 Chillicothe Street
Portsmouth, OH 45662
Email: music@theportcitycafeandpub.com



If you don't already have a following (i.e., a number of people who will come out especially to hear you perform), our *Third*

Thursday Singer/Songwriter Spotlight is a good way to begin developing a regional fan base (see below).

Third Thursday Singer/Songwriter Spotlight- For singer/songwriters who are trying to establish themselves in the area our *Third Thursday Singer/Songwriter Spotlight* is the place to start. It offers a great opportunity to develop your performance skills, try out new material, meet other writers, and become a part of the musical performance community. Performance time runs from 7-10:00pm, and performers may be accompanied by no more than two others on stage. Drums kits and backing tracks are not allowed. The presentation of original songs is encouraged. We do not currently have an official audition policy at Port City, so our *Spotlight* performances provide us with an opportunity to try out new performers, and determine their appropriateness for a *Live Music Saturday!* show. There is no cash payment for *Spotlight* performances, but tip jars and CD sales are allowed, and performers may also order a meal from our menu without charge (alcoholic beverages excluded).

If you are interested in a *Spotlight* performance, send us a promo package or provide us with your website, MySpace, Facebook, or other web-based info source (including your contact information). Our performer screening panel will review your posted material and get you booked, if appropriate for our venue.

Third Saturday Acoustic Session Night- Another great way to get involved in the Port City music scene is to be a regular participant in our *Third Saturday Acoustic Session Night*. This is a totally unplugged, acoustic session in which musicians share

original and cover material in a supportive and encouraging environment. It's a great, no pressure environment for musicians of all skill levels. More of a social event than a performance, *Session Night* is a great opportunity to become familiar with Port City, and establish friendships with other area musicians.

Frequently Asked Questions-

1. *What if I don't play an instrument?*

We do not allow backing tracks at any shows. If you do not play an instrument, you may have one or two musicians on stage to accompany you.

2. *Does the Port City Pub provide instruments for the shows?*

We don't provide any instruments, so plan on bringing your own. We do provide a good sound system and an engineer to manage your performance. We are also a "plug-and-play" environment, and prefer not to mic instruments. Please come to your gig prepared to plug in. (If your instrument must be mic'd, please let us know in advance.)

3. *How do you feel about percussion instruments and electronic enhancements?*

Because of the "nature" of the venue, drum kits and other percussion instruments are strongly discouraged. We do, occasionally, allow drums and electronic "gadgets" but prefer they not be used.

4. *Do you book bands for gigs at Port City?*

No. We do not normally book bands. We are a small, intimate venue, and prefer smaller, more acoustic-based performers. However, if you have a small band that you feel can

appropriately perform in our environment, make your case and we'll work with you.

5. *How are Live Music Saturday! shows booked?*

Live Music Saturday! shows are generally reserved for local or national acts with a large following. Openers for these shows are sometimes selected from *Third Thursday Singer/Songwriter Spotlight* show performers, though such opportunities are very unusual.

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