

Democracy Center Booking Agreement

Thank you for deciding to host a show at the Democracy Center! Please read this document completely to make sure we're all on the same page. If you have any questions or changes for your show, stay in touch! Email is always best: democtr.shows@gmail.com

We strive to provide a safe(r) space for all ages, drug-free benefit shows with an emphasis on DIY ethics. We therefore have a slightly different booking procedure than one might find when they rent a hall or book at a bar. We are not here to collect a rental fee; we want bookers to be engaged with the space and work with us to foster community!

Line-up and other representation notes

Shows here should center and prioritize participation by people of color, women, lgbtq+ folks, and people of other marginalized identities. We ask bookers to consider representation in regards to the bands they choose, the organization(s) the show will benefit, how they promote (who will design the flyer, where will you promote?), and more.

When working on your lineup, please submit each band for approval prior to inviting them to play. Include lyrics, a bandcamp, social media and any other relevant info so that we can approve them.

Money Splitting/Benefits

The Democracy Center hosts shows for a small rental fee of \$50. Since the cost of the room is so low, we ask that all shows act as benefits with \$50-150+ going to an organization/cause. We recognize that there are organizations that already receive funding easily; they are popular targets for grants and more mainstream concerts to throw money at. Therefore, we ask that bookers consider [this list](#) of local and national organizations to host benefits for.

Please contact the organization you are donating to to let them know/see if they want to send over any brochures or have a presence at the show. You should also advertise that it's a benefit. The Democracy Center is an alcohol and drug free space. If anyone is drinking or using drugs at a show, they may be asked to leave. If you do not help to enforce this policy, you may lose booking privileges in the future.

Promotion Language

Please include the following statements your promotions so that folks attending will be aware of our community standards/accessibility:

For flyers: (you can paraphrase but try to include everything)

The DC is partially wheelchair accessible - there is a wheelchair accessible ramp onto Bow St

No drugs, no alcohol

All ages

Masks are required

Event pages or other long-form promotions:

The Democracy Center is partially wheelchair accessible, no accessible bathroom on site. The Mandela, Parks, and Chavez rooms are accessible, but the Library is not. Wheelchair users are welcome to use the accessible restroom at Daedalus while we plan our improvements for bathroom accessibility. To reach that bathroom, exit the ramp and turn left on Bow St, at the next building (Daedalus) use their accessible entrance and their restroom will be on the right. More information at: democracycenter.org/accessibility. Contact info@democracycenter.org or 617-492-8855 as needed

The DC strives to provide a safe(r) space for all ages, drug free benefit shows with an emphasis on DIY ethics. We ask that everyone who attends and plays here be aware of the language they use and how it might affect others; racist, sexist, heterosexist, transphobic, ableist, or otherwise oppressive attitudes are not welcome. Please hold each other accountable so that all who come to the DC feel supported and welcome.

No Drugs, No Alcohol, All Ages, Masks required

Volunteering

All bookers must volunteer at one show prior to their event so they can become familiar and comfortable with our procedures. Bookers and volunteers should arrive at 6pm for set-up, be available during the show for crowd control and general help, and stay till 11:30ish for cleanup.

PA/Backline

We have a PA available for all shows at the DC. It is a basic setup, and we ask that bands who use special vocal pedals or cables be aware of how to use them properly with our PA. We don't have professional sound people, just volunteers who are trained to use the PA.

Please reference the Band Info Sheet for further information regarding our PA system / backline equipment / parking / etc. Please send the Band Info Sheet to all bands.

(hi there - if you've read the whole document, send us a photo of your pet or favorite animal)

Thanks again for being involved! Please let us know if you have any questions or additional needs for your show. We can be reached at democr.shows@gmail.com

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