

Info Sheet Lied United

1. Time & Place:

Venue: Blue Shell, Luxemburger Str. 32, 50674 Koeln

Setup and Soundcheck: All acts should be at the Blue Shell at 7 pm.

For each act we have a **maximum of 15 minutes** for a quick soundcheck

doors open at 8 pm

show starts at 8.30 pm

show ends around 10.30 pm

2. Your Set / Sequence:

For each show we invite **2 guest acts**. As a guest act you should plan a **set of appr. 25 minutes**. One of our Lied United regulars opens the show as support act.

The **show sequence** looks like that:

MC / LU regular / MC / first guest act / MC / 2nd guest act / MC

(We decide on the night of the show which guest act will play first.)

3. Payment:

We are not able to guarantee a fixed amount of money, but we always try to pay the musicians. The 2 guest acts receive a share from the entrance money.

We organise Lied United as a non-profit event

- the money left over after deducting the costs for GEMA and payment for our guest acts is used for posters, flyers etc..

4. Promotion:

It is very important that you **promote the date of your show extensively** (Newsletter, Facebook et al.), so enough people show up. Don't trust in there being a regular Lied United crowd. Either people show up to see **you** perform or they don't show up at all.

5. Promo Material:

Each guest act provides us **latest until eight weeks** before the show (the **1st of the month before the show**) with his promo material:

1 printable press photo (300 dpi)

1 short info (plain text or Word)

10 posters (if available)

Please, mail your material to **markus@apitius.de**

Send your posters to Markus Apitius, Lindenstr. 67, 50674 Koeln

6. Exclusiveness:

We have learned that it makes no sense if you play another gig in the Cologne area in the weeks before or after your Lied United show. An act who performs another gig in the area **2 weeks before his Lied United gig**, won't realistically be able to motivate his fans to come to the Blue Shell. **If we find out that a guest act doesn't guarantee this necessary exclusivity, we reserve the right to cancel his set without further notice.**

7. Guest List:

Each guest act has 2 slots on the guest list.

8. Equipment:

To keep our costs as low as possible and to be able to pay **you** more money, we don't use the Blue Shell in-house equipment. We bring our **own small equipment**, which usually is absolutely sufficient. It is not necessary to make up drums or e-guitar-amps.

Usually we have small and/or acoustic acts performing. If you explicitly need a drum set, please bring only what is **absolutely essential**.

Please, send us **until latest 2 weeks before your show a technical rider**, so we are sure to have enough microphones and cables available.

9. Food And Beverages:

We provide you with **beer and water** in the backstage area. We won't be able to provide you with a meal.

10. Misc.:

You can unload your equipment in front of the Blue Shell. Parking spaces are in the vicinity. There is a backstage area where you can store your instruments, bags etc..

For guest acts who arrive from further away, we can offer free private accommodation for the night in one of our homes. Please, let us know **at least one month** before the show if you need accommodation. The **Blue Shell** also offers affordable accommodation for artists – please, book in advance: **rolf.kistenich@blue-shell.de**

11. Contact:

Before the date of the show: Markus Apitius (markus@apitius.de),
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presse and promo: Wolfgang A. Noethen (w.a.noethen@gmx.de),
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On the night of the show: Markus Apitius or Robert Gasper
Technician: Markus Apitius or Robert Gasper
Master Of Ceremony: Wolfgang A. Noethen

12. „Lied United“:

We are a group of musicians who regard Lied United as a platform for acoustic acts in the broadest sense. As different as the performing acts may be, we expect mutual respect from everyone participating. This includes **your interest in the other acts performing** and to **not ask your fans to come only to watch you perform your own set**. So you give each other a chance to find a **new audience** for your music.

We are looking forward to a enthralling and exciting show with you!

Lied United (Wolfgang, Robert, Markus & Marc)