Brewer & Shipley - Private Event Q&As

We regularly receive e-mails inquiring as to if Brewer & Shipley are available to perform at corporate and private events. The short answer is, yes. While Michael and Tom always enjoy performing at these types of events, there are a few basic requirements involved for these types of performances. The following FAQ's provide a guide to help determine if Brewer & Shipley are suited for your private event.

Q. Will Brewer & Shipley come to my house and perform on a couch in my living room for my friends?

A. No. Michael and Tom require a professional sound system and a stage "area."

Q. What are the "stage" requirements?

A. A small, elevated stage is ideal. However, we recognize it may not always be available or cost effective to provide one. Michael & Tom simply ask for an area that is clearly designated as a stage area. It is imperative that we eliminate the potential of a guest inadvertently wandering onto the "stage" and tripping on a chord, becoming injured, damaging equipment or becoming an uninvited part of the performance.

Q. What are the sound system requirements for a Brewer & Shipley performance?

A. As Michael and Tom perform as an acoustic duo, their requirements are minimal compared to other "name" acts. However, the quality of the sound is the single most important aspect of the performance. Therefore, they do require a professional sound system. Specific requirements are provided upon request.

Q. Where can I find an acceptable sound system?

A. Most cities have several sound companies that rent professional sound systems with operator for these types of events. If you are unfamiliar with the companies in your area that provide that service, we will likely be able to assist by suggesting some reputable options.

Q. What is the cost to rent a professional sound system?

A. While prices vary by company, typically a system meeting Brewer & Shipley's requirements ranges between \$750-\$1,000 (depending on area).

Q. What are the electrical power requirements for a sound system?

A. This should be discussed with the sound company you hire. However, as Brewer & Shipley's requirements are minimal we have yet to encounter a residence that didn't have the necessary power.

Q. Do Brewer & Shipley require an opening act?

A. No, though depending on the event you may decide that you would like to have another appropriate act (preferably acoustic) perform prior to Brewer & Shipley.

Q. Will Brewer & Shipley stay and sign autographs for my guests?

A. Yes, contingent on their travel plans.

Q. Will Brewer & Shipley have CD's and T-shirts available for sale?

A. Typically, yes. Unless you would prefer that they don't.

Q. What is the performance fee for Brewer & Shipley?

A. This fee varies depending on a number of factors, including: geographic location, anticipated airfare (if applicable), whether or not hotel rooms being provided, etc.

Q. Can Michael and Tom just stay at my house so that I don't have to pay for hotel rooms?

A. Unfortunately, not. The rigors of "the road," necessitate the need for them to have their own space to relax.

To discuss the possibility of having Brewer & Shipley perform for a private event, contact

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