



# valley of the moon music festival

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## MUSICIAN HOST FAQs

**What are hosts asked to do?** Hosts are asked to provide a welcoming environment, clean semi-private quarters with a bedroom and bathroom, access to common areas (kitchen and piano if available) and Internet access. Access to laundry facilities are not required but appreciated by musicians.

### **Do I need to provide meals for my guest(s)?**

No. Hosts are not required to provide meals for guests. However, you are welcome to invite your guest to share a meal with you, especially breakfast. VMMF provides snacks, daily lunch, and dinner on some nights. It's helpful to allocate space in your kitchen and refrigerator for your guest to store breakfast foods, snacks, etc.

**Am I responsible for providing transportation for my guest(s)?** No, all transportation is provided by VMMF. Typically, guests are provided with a rental car for the duration of their stay so they will need a spot to park. If there are any specific concerns regarding guest parking at your home, please let us know.

**Will my guest need a house key?** Yes. Artists' schedules vary during the festival, but often involve late nights so we ask that all guests be provided with a house key, as well as instructions on how to lock your house properly.

**Will I need to be home to greet my guest(s) when they arrive?** This is up to you. You may choose to be home, but artists' specific arrival times do sometimes change at the last minute due to travel delays and their rehearsal schedule.

**Exactly what time will my guest(s) arrive?** It varies. Artists often arrive in the area from other engagements, so flight arrival times vary widely. Also, the exact time a guest arrives

at their host home after their plane lands differs. Some guests are able to go directly from the airport to their host home. But some must go directly to rehearsal from the airport and are therefore unable to arrive at their host home until later in the day. The artist will contact you directly to create an arrival plan.

**What information should I provide my guest upon their arrival?** We recommend meeting with your guest upon their arrival to get acquainted and orient them to your home. Please go over any house rules, security protocol, or house quirks that they should be aware of during their stay and give them a tour of the spaces they will have access to. Some guests may wish to practice at your home; if this is something your guest requests, let them know where they could practice and whether there are 'quiet hours' they should observe. Additionally, many guests bring computers and greatly appreciate access to the Internet; if you do have guest Internet access available, this is also a good time to give them instructions on how to access your network.

**Once my guest is here, what will their schedule be like?** They will be very busy rehearsing or practicing their instruments. Typically, rehearsals will take place during the day, with performances scheduled in the evenings, almost every other day throughout the week.

**What staff support does VMMF provide hosts?**

Before guests arrive, VMMF staff members will touch base with every host to provide them with information about their guest and staff contact information. While all guests are in town, VMMF staff is always on call to help you. Managing Director Grace Parisi is available 24/7 during the festival. If anything arises where you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Do I need to entertain my guest? Will there be opportunities to socialize with my guest?**

VMMF artists are very busy most days and evenings, leaving artists with little free time. However, you are welcome to invite your guests to socialize with you in their off time, as their schedules allow. Additionally, we hope you will be invited to join us for a special invitation-only event with the artists during the festival.

**Will I get to hear my guest perform?** Yes! You will receive two complimentary tickets to attend a concert where your guest is performing, based on availability.

**If you have other specific questions or need assistance of any kind, please contact: Grace Parisi, Managing Director at [grace@valleyofthemoonmusicfestival.org](mailto:grace@valleyofthemoonmusicfestival.org)**