

Music & Concerts

Barefoots Joe Concert Series

Barefoots Joe hosts between eight and nine concerts a year as part of its concert series. For this series, Barefoots Joe invites known musicians whose artwork demonstrates artistic merit, influence in culture, and appropriateness to our context. In evaluating artists, we consider what truths they communicate, what they uphold or reject, their significance in the mainstream culture, critics' reviews, and the extent to which they contribute to the mission of Barefoots Joe and Union University.

Students are invited to submit recommendations for artists they wish to include in the series (see attached recommendation form).

Student Activities Council Homecoming Concert

The Student Activities Council hosts an annual concert as part of the Homecoming festivities. Artists are chosen for this concert based on their significance in the Christian music field, their popularity among students, and their routing availability.

Student Musicians/Bands

Student musicians and student bands are invited to perform through our monthly Open Mic sessions. To do so, students must sign up for an audition time (sign ups are available one week in advance). The audition must include the entire set. Students are given time for two songs. Due to time constraints, bands may not use full drum kits or bring additional equipment for set up. Full bands with interest in performing may inform the Director of Student Programs in case various opportunities arise.

Barefoots Joe is looking to host Tiny Patio sessions on its new patio each Friday at lunch. These are weather dependent, and the process is under development. Bands composed of non-students will be considered for these sessions.

These two opportunities are the primary outlets for students to perform on campus. Other organizations may host events on or off-campus in which bands are invited to play. Because Barefoots Joe and the Bowld Student Commons serve such a wide student population, we do not reserve them for student concerts except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Residence Life staff and the Director of Student Programs.

When a student musician or band receives positive feedback from a significant portion of the student body, they may be considered and invited to open for a regular concert. Invitations are made by the Director of Student Programs and Barefoots Leadership Team.

Musician/Band Recommendation Form

In suggesting artists, please:

- Offer critical suggestions which consider genre-diversity, musicianship, lyricism, & popularity.
- Listen to the music and be able to evaluate it well.
- Join in the conversation already being had, and further it in your daily life – whether in the classroom, at lunch, or at home. Have conversations with others that ask critical questions about music.

Name of the Band: _____

Your name: _____

Genre: _____

Artistic Merit

Do critics appreciate this band? What other venues have they played? List or attach articles reviewing either live performances or their releases.

Cultural Significance

Why should Barefoots/Union host this band? Why are they significant? How well known are they?

Truth Communicated

How does this band's music communicate truth? What things do they uphold, and what do they reject?

Appropriateness

How does this band further the mission of Barefoots Joe/Union University? Are there potential issues (lyrics, lifestyle, between song banter, recent news) that may overshadow the good reasons to have them? Have you heard this band live? Include a CD of or a link to a live performance if possible.

Notes

Please list anything else here as support for this band. Feel free to attach any other support as well (articles, lyrics, etc).