



Pre-Concert Details

Thank-you for your time as you consider hosting an FBS music team!

1. We sing *all original compositions & arrangements*, as that is the thrust of our music publication ministry.
2. All but our vocal a cappella songs and “live” piano solos are accompanied by *pre-recorded accompaniments* that we have produced ourselves. For a sampling of what a typical concert sounds / looks like, you'll find helpful videos at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ForeverBeSure>.
3. A typical full-length concert is about *75 minutes*. We are happy to tweak our involvement to whatever best suits your ministry's needs / desires. Included in our presentation are vocal numbers, spoken testimonies, Scripture quotations, a video, and a piano or instrumental prelude / postlude / offertory.
4. Concerning our sound needs, we depend on the *on-site system & personnel for our vocal amplification* (4 hand held microphones preferred). We bring a very adequate portable speaker, able to feed the accompaniment to the singers & most audiences, which can be controlled by us on stage. For large church auditoriums, we would likely be dependent on the on-site system for both vocal and accompaniment amplification. Please let us know if this is your preference and we will send the accompaniment files to be queued and tested prior to our arrival.
5. We also have a *slide show lyric presentation* used throughout the concert. This has been a very well-received part of our program as the lyrics to these original songs are up on screen as they are being sung. Please have *a screen available*.
6. *Two 6- or 8-foot tables are requested* to be set up in the lobby for our display. We have CD albums, choral books and piano books that we make available for purchase.
7. Our group will plan to *arrive 2 hours before the scheduled meeting* (with the exception of Sunday morning, in which we plan to arrive 1.5 hours prior) for set up and sound check.
8. Concerning *accommodations*, we are requesting that each church provide a separate \$125 expense check toward a hotel, as we are finding this to be the most favorable/consistent arrangement for us. That said, we recognize there may be people who genuinely enjoy serving God via hospitality, having their homes intentionally arranged in a comfortable/conducive set up (often even better than hotels!). Please reach out with any concerns, questions or ideas, if a non-hotel option may be in view.
9. Concerning food provisions, we would request & gratefully accept *a simple meal following our concert*.
10. As for financial considerations, we request 2 items: 1) *a “secure the date” check for \$400* that will help contribute toward our travel expenses (Please mail a check for “Forever Be Sure” to 717 NW Boulder Point Circle, Ankeny, Iowa 50023 – thank you!) and 2) *a love offering* from the concert attendees. The hotel expense check can be put in the same envelope with the love offering check the night of the concert. If you are interested in better understanding how you can best provide for the expenses of our trip, feel free to email!
11. We have scheduled an offertory time into our program, yet would be flexible to include this aspect into the program however or whenever you would prefer. We request that the *offering be sent with our team* following the concert, so as to keep our bookkeeping current.
12. *Promotional posters* will be available (<https://foreverbesure.com/promo-material/>) at least 2 months prior for you to print off and disperse. It is recommended that they are printed off on 8.5x11 light-colored card stock paper. Feel free to request customized promotional material for your ministry / local newspaper / etc.