



BEN YOUNG -- SAMPLE CONTRACT RIDER

NOTE: This is a sample rider. Staging and supply requirements might differ based on the custom show for your event.

Stage/Platform (see Figure 1)

- If the audience size exceeds 80 people, it is recommended that there be a stage or riser no smaller than **8 feet deep x 16 feet wide**.
- If the room is rectangular, place the stage in the middle of the long side of the rectangle. The room then becomes more intimate and makes for a better show.
- There should be access to the audience/seats from the performance area and vice versa, as Ben brings many audience members onto the stage during the show. If handrails are used on the stairs, they should be placed on the sides of the stage, so as not to block viewing.

Seating

- To insure the most intimate show possible, **banquet tables/rows of chairs should be set up as close to the stage as possible, and as close to one another as possible**. It is also recommended that table center pieces should not be more than one foot high. (Also be aware of columns in the room obstructing views)

Sound

- One wireless lavalier or headset microphone
- One wireless hand held microphone with stand. If possible, stand should have a round base and no boom.
- P.A. system for an iPod hooked into the house system, preferably set up next to the stage or straight across the room from the stage.
- P.A. system must be LOUD even in the back rows of the venue.

Lighting

- No special lighting is needed if the stage is easily viewed with the house lights up. However, if it is a dark room, a general stage wash is suggested. A spotlight is not needed if you weren't planning on having one anyway.

Supplies

- 1 straight backed chair.
- 1 small table (3'x3', 4'x4', small round-top, half circle, etc.). Table should be skirted.

Please Contact Ben to Discuss If...

- You are planning on serving a meal during the show
- There is going to be a dance floor in front of the stage
- The performance is going to be outdoors
- There will be a podium onstage during the performance
- The stage will be shared with a band.

FIGURE 1 -- Intimate stage set up
(not to scale)

