DIY House Shows and Music Venues in the **US: A Guide for Artists and Fans**



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DIY house shows and music venues are a vital part of the American music scene. They provide a space for artists to experiment and develop their sound, and for fans to discover new music and connect with like-minded people.

If you're an artist looking to book a DIY house show, there are a few things you need to do. First, you need to find a venue. There are a few ways to do this. You can ask around your local music scene, or you can search online for DIY house show venues in your area. Once you've found a venue, you need to contact the booker and inquire about booking a show.

If you're a fan looking to attend a DIY house show, there are a few things you need to know. First, you need to find out where and when the show is happening. You can do this by checking online event calendars, or by asking around your local music scene. Once you've found a show you want to attend, you need to make sure you have a way to get there and back. DIY house shows are often held in private homes, so you may need to arrange for a ride or take public transportation.

DIY house shows can be a great way to experience live music in an intimate setting. They're also a great way to support local artists and the local music scene. If you're interested in attending or booking a DIY house show, I encourage you to do some research and get involved.

Tips for Artists

- Be professional. When you're contacting venues to book a show, be sure to be professional and courteous. Introduce yourself, tell them a little bit about your music, and let them know why you're interested in playing their venue.
- Be prepared. When you're meeting with a booker, be prepared to discuss your music, your plans for the show, and your budget. You should also have a demo or EPK ready to share with them.
- **Be flexible.** DIY house shows are often booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Be prepared to be flexible with your dates and times.
- Be respectful. DIY house show venues are often run by volunteers.
 Be respectful of their time and space.

Tips for Fans

 Be open-minded. DIY house shows often feature a variety of different genres of music. Be open to new experiences and you may be surprised by what you hear.

- Be respectful. DIY house shows are often held in private homes. Be respectful of the homeowners and their property.
- Be prepared. DIY house shows can be crowded and loud. Be prepared for a long night of music and dancing.
- Have fun! DIY house shows are a great way to experience live music in an intimate setting. Relax and enjoy the show.

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