

bee-flat im PROGR

Hospitality conditions

bee-flat im PROGR is the name of the association promoting live concerts every Wednesday and Sunday in the beautiful venue *Turnhalle im PROGR* in downtown Bern, the capital of Switzerland. The venue is located in a pedestrian area within 300m from the main train station.

Philosophy & Crew:

bee-flat is run all year long by a 3-persons office. It's a non-profit organisation which aims to promote good and non-commercial music to an audience from Bern and around. In addition to the 3 employees and 2 home-technicians, 130 volunteers help with the entrance/tickets, bar, catering, stagehand, cooking and photography. We aim to be the best host as possible for the band, the crew and the audience and will make everything possible to assure the best conditions for performing and listening to good music. We also try to take care of our planet and reduce waste to a minimum.

bee-flat was created in 2001 and promote concerts in the *Turnhalle* since 2005. We acquired a lot of experience over the years!

Directions:

If you're travelling by train, we will provide you with a map showing directions to both the venue and the hotel. Everything is within walking distance. You probably will have to walk a longer distance in your departure train station than between this station and the venue!

If you're with a car or a tour-van:

- The main entrance of the *Turnhalle* is located at Speichergasse 4, 3011 Bern.
- The stage-level is located at Holderstrasse 5, 3011 Bern. This is not an official address, but this is the one known by the GPS.

Vehicles & Parking:

If you have a lot of backline or stage-equipment, go to Holderstrasse 5 and park the vehicle on the pavement on the left of the street. Knock on the glass doors and we will open from inside and help you unload.

If you want to park your vehicle, go to Speichergasse 4. Use the second entrance of the courtyard. There is a perfectly safe parking spot where you can leave your vehicle for the night. It's also on the same street level and within 150 meters from hotels or other accommodations.

Please note that only one vehicle is authorised to park here. If you must come with more than one vehicle, please let us know in advance.

Accommodation & Hotels

If you stay for the night after the show, you will have an accommodation in one of the hotels located at the Zeughausgasse, 3011 Bern, or in a flat. The hotels are located in downtown Bern within 150 meters from the venue. The flat is in the same building as the venue, on the 4th floor under the roof. And yes, a lift is available!

Google-maps (unfortunately) knows everything and makes no mistakes here, you can trust it!

Backstage, Catering, Food & Beverages

Cold snacks consisting in swiss cheese and chocolate with beverages of your choice, crisps and nuts will be served at your arrival time. We favour local and fresh products as a way to make everyone happy for the set-up and the soundcheck. If you have special requests, please think about it before asking!

As a backstage, we have a warm and welcoming room just behind the stage. The backstage is big enough for most bands. There is a private bathroom (no shower) for the crew and a small corner where you can make up or change clothes. If you need more space or privacy, you'll have time to walk to the hotel or the flat before the show.

This backstage is also where we will have dinner together between the soundcheck and the concert. Please note that this room doesn't have a fridge but the bar of the venue has everything you need and a member of our crew is here anytime to provide you with beverages and food.

The dinner consists in a warm buffet with a variety of hot dishes and salads. For ecological and ethical reasons, the buffet is vegetarian. If this is *really* a big issue for you, please take the time to think about it and let us know 😊

Bottles of water and towels will be ready to use on stage. We use glass bottles filled with tap water to avoid unnecessary plastic-waste. In Switzerland, tap water is healthy and cheap and we pay a lot of attention to the cleanliness of the bottles.

We would like to insist: the bar of the venue has everything you need and even more. A person will inform you and serve you. While we understand that you really want that special bottle of craft gin from Australia – which will probably remain full in the end –, you will also certainly be happy to taste the gin made in Bern!

For the guests who stay for the night: breakfast will be served either at the hotel or at a small bakery right at the corner between the venue and the hotels. You can eat in the bakery or take away if you're in a hurry.

Infosheet

We will send a complete infosheet to your agency/management with all the directions and important information. Please make sure that every member in the band & crew is informed before arrival, as it saves time and energy!

Technical specifications and booking information...

... Are to be found in other documents on our website: www.bee-flat.ch (infos).

We are looking forward to having a nice evening with you and listening to good music!