

SOUL RITES

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WHY BOOK SOUL RITES?

Soul Rites are a dynamic 12-piece soul and blues band committed to providing high quality entertainment for you and your guests. The band has been established and performing regularly for many years at public, private and corporate parties, weddings and charity functions. Equally at home in your own private venue as well as some of our previous auspicious locations, such as Hampton Court Palace; The Banqueting House, Whitehall; Shepperton Studios; The Queen Elizabeth Grandstand, Epsom Downs and All Saints Church in Kingston-upon-Thames.

Should you decide to book the band we always work closely with you to provide a quality service that exceeds your requirements and expectations, giving you a night to remember. You can depend upon our professionalism.

As one of our recent clients said after her birthday party: -

"They were incredibly professional in the lead up to the event, making arrangements and with the setting up. The evening itself was a huge success. The band had people, of all ages, dancing from virtually the start of the set. The set list was brilliant and everybody who attended the party said what a fantastic time was had and were full of praise for the band. The party was everything that I had hoped for and that was mainly due to Soul Rites and their fantastic music. I can't recommend them highly enough."

Please note that we are fully covered for Public Liability Insurance (£10m) through membership of the Musicians Union.

WHAT AREAS DO YOU COVER?

The band is primarily available for bookings in the Home Counties of Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Hampshire, Berkshire and London but we also welcome enquiries from further afield.

HOW MUCH DO YOU COST?

Our rates are extremely competitive and you can be assured of value for money that you will not obtain elsewhere. Please contact Peter McKerrow (mail@petermckerrow.com) to discuss your requirements in more detail so that we can provide you with the best possible service at the best possible price.

LOGISTICS, REQUIREMENTS & SERVICES

This section identifies some basic requirements that we need in order to set-up and perform, as well as some optional services that we can provide.

STAGE AREA

Size	Min. stage size or playing area of 6m (wide) x 4m (depth) -- TBC
Power	Min. 1 x 13A (twin) mains electrical power sockets in close proximity to stage. Min. 2 x 13A (twin) sockets if stage lighting is to be used.
Set-up Time & Sound Check	2-3 hours depending upon venue

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Depending upon the venue and the occasion, a 2-3 hour set-up is required. Please consider this when booking your venue as we require access in advance to set-up and sound check prior to the event actually commencing for your guests.

Our PA equipment is ideal for an event of up to 300-400 people, and has even been used for entertaining over 500 people at open-air performances - however we may have to consider hiring a larger system to suit the venue if you plan or expect to exceed these numbers, in which case the additional cost of any such hire would be incurred.

LIGHTING

We provide two banks of LED lights for stage lighting, which help to generate a party atmosphere, subject to available space.

MICROPHONE

We can provide a microphone for speeches and/or announcements.

MUSICAL SET

Soul Rites has an extensive list of classic Motown, Stax and Atlantic soul and blues songs to choose from, as well as several recent chart favourites, which all ages will enjoy. These songs are intended to ensure our audience has a great time – as the Mayor of Kingston pointed out when we played at his Annual Charity Ball this year: -

“Most of the guests were up and dancing as soon as the band struck the first chord and the dance floor continued to be filled until the last note was played.”

Songs can be selected from our list by you to suit your occasion.

PERFORMANCE TIME

We typically play approximately 40 songs over a 3 hour period, split into 2 sets of 1¼ hours each with a break of 20-30 minutes in-between, but are more than willing to re-arrange this to suit the demands of your occasion.

INTERVAL MUSIC & DJ

We can include reception and interval music from a variety of genres run from an iPod, or indeed, you are welcome to use our PA to run a playlist from your own laptop or device.

If you are planning upon having a DJ, subject to basic agreement, they may use our PA if they desire. We can assist with recommendations for DJs if required.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

If you require anything beyond what has already been mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss in more detail.