

SKERRYVORE - THE WHISKY SESSIONS

Music is universally understood to have the ability to change the mood of a person, a group of people or an entire audience. But can it change or enhance the taste of whisky? We believe it can when the right music is selected and performed to match that whisky.

'The Whisky Sessions' is an interactive session hosted by Skerryvore band members that takes the audience on a journey of Scotland's famous whisky regions and distilleries with music as the vehicle.

Audience members will get to sample 4 specially selected malt whiskies with each 'dram' having a piece of music selected and performed to match that whisky during the tasting. The band will also reflect on personal experiences and stories linked to each particular whisky and/or region that again enhances the personal and intimate nature of this session.

THE FORMAT

- Each whisky session lasts approximately 60mins for tastings of 4 whiskies (this can be extended if there is no concert following the tasting)
- 1 bottle will provide approximately 30-35 measures (20ml or $\frac{2}{3}$ of an ounce). So it is recommended that session capacity is based on this i.e 30-35 persons or 60-70 persons
- For 35 capacity events, this can be held purely acoustic in the right room/space
- For 35+ capacity, amplification is required for presenting and performing. This can be discussed with the band management.
- Preferred set up is cabaret seating with tables or high tables if standing
- The band will host the tasting & perform the music.
- This is an informal whisky tasting and environment where interaction and fun is welcomed. It can act as a pre-show VIP experience or a stand alone event with an extended music section.

PROMOTER/HOST REQUIREMENTS

- License, selection and supply of whisky (please check & approve whisky selection with the band as they are Global Ambassadors for Ardnahoe whisky which can potentially gain access to sponsored or discounted whisky supply)
- Ideally, 4 'glencairn' whisky glasses or small shot glasses per audience member so all whisky can be pre-poured. Small plastic tumblers can also work if glasses are not available/possible.
- If working with fewer number of glasses that are to be recycled throughout then a glass washing facility close by will be required
- Small jugs of water, supply of straws (for dropping water in whisky)
- Staff/members to assist with the pour & serve of whisky alongside the band

TESTIMONIALS

- *Our sold out historic meeting hall was host to an incredibly entertaining and informative tour of Scotland's major whisky distilling regions accompanied by a selection of Scottish songs and tunes linked to those regions. Having Skerryvore band members also play for us added so much energy and pure joy to the evening that many left our hall that night calling it, "the best whisky tasting they had ever been to." We can't wait to have them back again!*

Michael Lange, Festival Director: Dunedin Live, FL

- *In the same way fine liquor pairs with food and good company, the Whisky Tasting pre-concert reception proved to be a fine primer for the Skerryvore concert itself. Our patrons, who were of all ages and levels of whisky and Scottish knowledge, shared with us that the unplugged stories and songs added greatly to their understanding of the land that the blends—and the band members—hailed from. Meeting the band members personally was described by our patrons as a "privilege" and a "thrill" and all felt experiencing the personalities of each Skerry added greatly to the enjoyment of the whole evening.*

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