

THE MIDDLE EAST DOWNSTAIRS - VENUE RIDER

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Upstairs / Downstairs (Show Advancing)

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The following is The Middle East Downstairs, Upstairs, and Sonia advance info.

The Middle East prides itself on employing a very cool, nice, and respectful group of people here who work hard to make the shows run as smoothly as possible.

Please take our rider as seriously as you expect us to take yours. Let's cooperate and work together to make your show a success!

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ADVANCING

To advance sound requirements, sound checks, technical specifications, and non-technical aspects of the show (times, payment, hospitality, guest list, etc.), please contact

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(please include name of band and show date in the subject line).

Please email your most current stage plot and input list to the production manager of the room you are playing

PUBLICITY/PROMOTION/SOCIAL NETWORKS

Please email a copy of the band's most current press photo, bio, and ad matte to our Promotions team, Jake: Jake@mideastclub.com.

Please send promotional materials (10-15 posters) to:

MIDDLE EAST BOX OFFICE

472 MASS AVE.

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

ATTN:PROMOTIONS

If you need a current press list in order to service Boston press and blogs, please email: clay@mideastclub.com

Tweet your show with our handle: twitter.com/mideastclub or [@mideastclub](https://twitter.com/mideastclub)

[@soniamideastclub](https://twitter.com/soniamideastclub) [@zuzubar](https://twitter.com/zuzubar)

Flickr pool: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/mideastclub/>

We post all new shows as events at: www.mideastclub.com

If you'd like to make these events the 'official' event page for your show, send jake@mideastclub.com an email!

We're always looking for viral videos, exclusive mp3s, and fresh content from our artists.

TICKETS/TICKET COUNTS

In person at the Middle East Box Office - NEW HOURS! DAILY: 2pm to 8 pm

The Box Office is located at 10 Brookline St Cambridge MA,

Online at TicketWeb.com -

<http://www.ticketweb.com/snl/EventListings.action?pl=mideastrestaurant&orgId=102953> (fees apply).

Order By Phone (fees apply):

1-866-777-8932 phone hours of operations 9AM-9PM Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, EST Sundays.

For general info call the Middle East box office during the above hours (617) 864-EAST ext 221.

We use our ticketing system to email previous ticket holders.
To request access that data, please email Clay Fernald,
For Ticket counts, please email our Box Office Team: box_office@mideastclub.com.

LOAD-IN

The load-in door for the **Downstairs/Sonia** is behind the club on Green Street (which runs parallel to Mass. Ave), just before Brookline Ave. For headliners, please arrive by 4pm (unless advanced otherwise) in order to give yourself enough time to load-in and park.

NOTE: Past experience tells us that all performers playing New York the night before your appearance at The Middle East should leave no later than 11am (earlier on holiday weekends!) for a 4pm soundcheck. We understand how much fun it is to party in New York, but please make sure that you leave enough time to make your scheduled soundcheck time here.

The load-in door for the **UPSTAIRS** is on Brookline Ave. in between Sonia and the door for the Middle East Downstairs. Please set your GPS to 6 Brookline St. For headliners, please arrive by 5pm (unless advanced otherwise) in order to give yourself enough time to load-in and park. All other bands should plan on a 6pm arrival, unless advanced otherwise.

Below is a picture of the load in door on Brookline St.

PARKING

Unfortunately, due to the fact that we are located in the middle of Cambridge and we do not have a parking lot, The Middle East cannot guarantee parking.

There is free lot, paid lot, and metered parking in the Central Square area. Meters are free after 6pm on weekdays, on Sundays, and on legal holidays. In addition, there is an affordable parking garage on Green Street.

Bus, BandWagon and Large Van parking can be arranged for touring bands with 2 weeks prior notice.

The Middle East will apply for and hold the legal parking permit for the night. Pulling the permit will result in additional show expenses/room costs.

Please note that state law prohibits the running of generators/engine idling for more than 5 minutes. Please also note that the city is Very particular about this and will ticket for the offense. The Middle East is not responsible for any vehicles towed or ticketed before, during, or after musicians' performance.

SOUNDCHECK/SET TIMES

DOWNSTAIRS-Assuming doors open at 8pm, soundcheck is scheduled to begin at 4:30pm and end at 7:45pm, unless it has been advanced otherwise. The headlining band will be given a soundcheck first, followed by the opening band. Others as time allows.

UPSTAIRS/SONIA-Assuming doors open at 8pm, sound check is scheduled to begin at 5pm and end at 7:45pm, unless it has been advanced otherwise. The headlining band will be given a sound check first, followed by the opening band. Others as time allows.

If you are running late, please contact the club's main line at (617) 864-EAST.

It is crucial that you make contact with a live person that can relay the message to the appropriate parties. Any band that arrives after their posted set time without proper agreement will not be allowed to perform and will forfeit payment, unless otherwise arranged.

Set times will be posted one hour before doors. Please take a look to make sure that they are correct. If you are running late, please contact the club's main line at (617) 864-EAST.

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LOADERS

The Middle East does not normally provide loaders. If you are going to need loaders, please advance this with the production manager no less than 48 hours notice. The fee for loaders is \$30 per loader per hour (one hour minimum).

MERCH

The Middle East does not normally provide merch sellers. If you are going to need a merchandise seller, please advance this with the production manager no less than 48 hours notice. The rate for sellers is \$50 versus 15%, whichever is greater at the end of the night, payable directly to the merch seller. The venue does not take a cut of the merchandise sales.

HOSPITALITY/MEALS

Unless advanced otherwise, all performers are entitled to enjoy dinner at 1/2 off at The Middle East Restaurant. Let the bartender or waitstaff know that you are playing or get a wristband before you sit down.

This offer is for the benefit of performers only. Please be sure to tip on 100% of the bill and not on the discounted rate. 50% off rate does not include alcohol.

Other arrangements by advance.

DRINK TICKETS

Unless advanced otherwise, two drinks will be provided per band member for draughts at the bar in the downstairs room. Gratuity for the bartenders is not included so please don't forget to tip your bartender.

Free sodas and water are provided for all performers at the bar, coffee & teas are available in the restaurant. Please do not bring outside alcohol into The Middle East, as it will put our license in jeopardy and we want to be able to host shows for many years to come.

GUEST LIST

Any guests (venue or band) will affect sellable capacity Please advance guest list number with production manager

Please submit performer/crew list and guest list with full names to the door staff no later than one hour before doors.

Please make sure that guests wanted backstage receive proper wristbands upon check-in, as guests may not be allowed backstage without the proper colored wristband. Due to post-Rhode Island fire regulations, the amount of guests allowed backstage will be limited, at the discretion of security staff.

TAX INFORMATION/PAYMENT

Please bring your social security number, tax ID number, or international tax waiver form with you. We will not be able to pay you without it.

Please note that performers must provide a valid US Federal Tax ID #, U.S. Social Security number, or international tax waiver form. If this is not provided, the venue must withhold an amount up to 31% of any guarantee and overages. This amount will be reported to the IRS and bands will be eligible to apply for a refund at the closure of the tax period.

As of January 1, 2006, artists earning more than \$5,000 in one year at The Middle East will be subject to a Massachusetts tax rate of 5.3%. This amount is required to be withheld at the time of settlement.

STAGE DIVING/FIGHTING

Due to past incidents, there is no stage diving allowed at The Middle East. If a band member stage dives or encourages the audience members to do so, the band immediately becomes liable for anything that may occur during the show. If such action takes place, payment of the performer involved will be withheld.

Please leave all weapons/weapon-like objects in your vehicle. They are not allowed within the club.

All participants (including band and crew) in a fight are to be escorted out. NO EXCEPTIONS.

EQUIPMENT/HAZERS/FIRE EXITS/FAKE BLOOD

Performers will be responsible for any venue equipment broken as a result of their performance at The Middle East. Performers will be responsible for paying the replacement cost of broken items as determined by the Head Engineer's damaged gear report.

Due to fire regulations, we ask that you please keep the exits clear of equipment at all times. In the Downstairs room, pay particular attention to the area on stage right that is a fire lane. The area next to stage right and the ramp by the stage right side of the room are fire lanes and are to be kept clear of equipment, band members, and patrons at all times.

Per request of the Fire Marshall, hazers/smoke machines are not to be used in The Middle East Downstairs room as they create visibility problems and confusion regarding the exits.

STICKERS/SWAG/GRAFFITI

The Middle East Downstairs may look like an old bowling alley (it is!), but we like to try to keep the place looking presentable. Stickers or graffiti is not allowed and any performer found stickering/writing graffiti may be held responsible for removing them and/or cleaning costs may be deducted from payment.

Stickers may be sold, but not given out for free inside the club. Any posters that are hung are to be taken down at the end of the night. Please do not throw merchandise into the crowd.

WRISTBANDS/ AGE RESTRICTIONS

Please bring government issued identification (driver's license, state liquor ID, passport, military ID). All performers and attendees will be carded and be given either a wristband (if 21 or over) or X's. The Middle East is licensed by Cambridge as an 18+ club and everyone must be able to provide appropriate identification to demonstrate their age. Unless otherwise noted on contract, The Middle East is an 18+ venue. All patrons must be 18 or over (this includes guests, but not performers).

NO SMOKING/VAPING/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES/ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

In 2004, the City Council of Cambridge passed a law forbidding smoking or use of electronic cigarettes inside business establishments. As a result, there is no smoking in The Middle East. This includes performers. Sorry. Any performers caught smoking by the City of Cambridge will be fined as will the venue. Performers will be responsible in full for any present and future fines. Anyone found to be procuring alcoholic beverages for minors would be asked to leave. Furthermore, consuming or using illegal substances within The Middle East is not allowed. Please use your tour bus/van/significant other's house for this. ;)

Please note that if the performers do anything of any type that violates the laws of the state of Massachusetts, the agreement or contract will be null and void as will be the club's obligation to pay them.

CURFEW

SUN-WEDS Cambridge curfew is 12:30am for all attendees. Security staff is rather strict about this policy; if you would like to sell merchandise please make sure to leave enough time to do so before the curfew, as attendees will have to clear the room at that time. Room curfew is 1:00am so please plan accordingly to load all gear from the stage by that time.

THURS-SAT Cambridge curfew is 1:30am for all attendees. Security staff is rather strict about this policy; if you would like to sell merchandise please make sure to leave enough time to do so before the curfew, as attendees will have to clear the room at that time. Room curfew is 2:00am so please plan accordingly to load all gear from the stage by that time.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

From the Mass Pike/I-90:

- * Take the Brighton/Cambridge Exit off the Mass Pike.
- * After the tollbooth, follow the signs for Central Square Cambridge
- * Merge onto River St.

* Cross over the Charles River and take River St into Central Square.

* Turn right onto Mass Ave.

The Middle East is three blocks down on right, at 472 Mass Ave.

From I-93/Storrow Drive:

* Take the Storrow Drive West Exit off of 93

* Take the Mass Ave/Cambridge exit off Storrow (LEFT HAND EXIT)

* Merge onto Mass Ave Bridge, cross bridge into Cambridge.

* Pass M.I.T., railroad tracks, the Fire Station... The Middle East is on left

PARKING SUGGESTIONS

-Loading Zone on Green St. (if available)

-Lot behind McDonald's (metered before 6pm, free afterwards)

-Green Street garage

-Meter spots/street parking

-55 Franklin St. Garage

Do not park in the metered spots by the club on Brookline Street after 10pm. They become a taxi stand and you will be ticketed and possibly towed.

The Middle East receives a discounted rate at the 55 Franklin Street Garage for entry after 5pm and exit before 2am. The parking rate is \$3.00. Middle East Validation Stamp is required. To get to the garage, take Mass Avenue, take a right on Sidney, a left on Green St. The garage is attached to the Hotel @ MIT.

HOTELS

The Middle East does not have any deals at local hotels. We find that priceline.com or hotwire.com have the best affordable rates.

Traveling bands on a budget may find it best to drive just outside of the city for the most economical options.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

For emergencies only, please contact our Production Manager,
Production Manager (UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS Show Advancing)

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For non-urgent matters, please feel free to email the production manager.

We're looking forward to the show! Please feel free to contact the person that is most appropriate with any questions you may have. Thanks and we wish you good luck on your show!