



## EVENT MUSIC & DRUMMING GUIDELINES

**Welcome Musicians & Drummers, Rattlers & Shakers!** Thank you for providing music for this event. Travel directions to Westerbeke Ranch are available on our website. If you're coming to provide music for a wedding, when you arrive at our main gate, turn to the left and follow our frontage road to the middle parking lot. Follow the path up to the tile-roof building, Casa Nueva, which is our dance room. Locate a staff member and we'll tell you where to set up.

We follow strict guidelines set forth by the Sonoma County Permit & Resource Management Dept. If you are a live band you **must be non-amplified**, even your singer. Yes, we're aware that singers need microphones to be heard over the instruments, but this is not allowed here. This means no electric pianos, no electric bass, no electric anything. If you're a DJ, you must keep music levels low and **speakers must stay in the room**. We find that speakers on tripods are not necessary. Remember, any heavy bass sounds travel to the ears of our sleepy neighbors. We also require that you do not use a microphone, meaning **NO karaoke, and all music must stop by 10:00 PM**.

Music must not be louder than 80 decibels at 15 feet. We have a decibel meter and we'll test this level with your first song and throughout the event. The music must stay at this level as the party progresses, no matter how much the guests may plead with you—blame it on us if you have to! Please see that towards the end of the evening, say 9:45 PM, you begin to quiet down the crowd, especially with the last one or two songs. We've discovered that guests can still have fun, celebrate, and dance without amplified music. Lots of music was created prior to electricity. Music doesn't have to be overly loud to be moving, and it makes conversations between guests much more pleasurable. For drumming groups, we ask that you make sure to keep the doors to your meeting room closed, and end all drumming, rattling and shaking by 10:00 PM. The back deck behind Casa Nueva is not accessible to guests—it must remain clear for service staff—and the sliding glass doors must remain closed if music is playing. The sound carries and the Ranch is located in a residential neighborhood.

If you're here for special event, arrange with your clients whether or not you're being provided a meal. If so, be attentive to what is happening with the party while you are eating, such as spontaneous toasts when backup music needs to stop. Please do not bring additional people who are not performing with you, and do not request to be served your meal early. We look forward to assisting you with your needs while providing the music for this event. Please feel free to call on us. **Thank you!**

***I have read and agree to the above stated policies. (Please complete and return.)***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Company: \_\_\_\_\_ On-site Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

On-site Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date & Name: \_\_\_\_\_