

# Information about the Leo Coffeehouse

Thanks for your interest playing a set at the Leo Coffeehouse. The Leo had its origins in the local folk music scene created by students at the University of Cincinnati in 1963. The coffeehouse is now run by the Queen City Balladeers, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The Queen City Balladeers maintain three goals for the coffeehouse:

1. To support emerging local talent via open mics and opening sets
2. To provide a listening room for local and regional established acts
3. To grow and support a strong folk music community in Cincinnati

The coffeehouse is **open only on certain Sundays during the school year (Sept-May)**. ([See the schedule here](#).) There are three sets/acts each night between 7 pm. and 9 pm each night the coffeehouse is open. On the first and third Sundays of each month, the first set is an open mic. The size of the audience ranges from 40 to 100, is always attentive and supportive, and will buy product if they like what you do. We do not take any percentage on sales.

The Leo is a listening room. We make it a point for the audience to pay attention to the music. We provide a sound system and a soundman to run it. All you need to do is show up and play.

We also present a free summer concert series that we use as a showcase to bring the best Leo Coffeehouse talent to the city. When you perform at the Leo, you are automatically in the running for our summer concert series.

Unfortunately, due to our non-profit, all-volunteer weekly format, we are **unable to pay performers**. You can sell product and we will try find you a place to stay in town (with one of the club members) if you are on the road.

Also, due to our non-profit status, we do not carry membership with performing rights organizations (PRO), such as ASCAP or BMI. Therefore, in the unlikely event that a PRO would question copyright on the material performed at the Leo Coffeehouse, **we ask that you sign a waiver stating your responsibility for any copyrighted material that you choose to perform.**

If you are still interested, and live locally, we invite you to play an **open mic (please arrive by 6:30 pm as it's first-come-first-play and there are only 3 slots)**. This can lead to future bookings in opening and/or feature sets. If you are an established local act or are on tour or from out of town, please send a demo CD or link to your music online to us at:

Leo Coffeehouse  
C/O Pam Temple  
4231 Appleton St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45209  
513-321-8375  
Email: [bookings@queencityballaders.org](mailto:bookings@queencityballaders.org)

## General Promotional Information:

Place: Leo Coffeehouse  
Website: <http://queencityballadeers.org>  
Location: Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church  
7612 Perry Street,  
Mt. Healthy OH, 45321

**Do not send mail for the Balladeers to the Church address. Send mail for the Balladeers to our P.O. Box:**

**Queen City Balladeers  
Post Office Box 317669  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231**

The Leo is a non-smoking room, off-street parking, handicapped accessible, beverages and baked goods available

Contact: Pam Temple  
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**[A link to directions and a map to the Leo](#)**

Learn more about the history of the Leo and the Balladeers at **[Talkin' Balladeers](#)**.