

# Keys to a Good Time Dueling Pianos Fundraising Event

## General Information

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### **Performers**

- Casey Cross - caseyrcross@gmail.com - 4058856529 (Piano)
- Michael Sherman - msherman@felixandfingers.com - 5135181471 (Piano)

### **Entire Event Day Time Frame**

01/20/2024 - 05:30 pm - 10:00 pm CST

### **Location**

Bally's Quad Cities Casino & Hotel  
777 Bally Blvd  
Rock Island, Illinois 61201-7606

### **Contact Person(s)**

Cara Marske  
(309) 721-8475  
cara.marske@ysbri.com

### **Load-In**

**Load-in Note:** You may see one or both performers arriving for setup. Rest assured, this is normal and coordinated in advance.

You may load in equipment at 04:00 pm

**Please Note:** entire ballroom is reserved

### **Expected number of guests:**

250

### **Contacts**

**Venue Manager:**  
Stacy Shelman

sshelman@ballysquadcities.com  
<https://casinos.ballys.com/quad-cities/>

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## General Timeline

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### **Itinerary**

<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Notes</b>
5:30 pm	Doors Open to Guests	
6:00 pm - 6:50 pm	Heavy Hors d'oeuvres served, check-in, raffle tickets sold, social hour	they have a dj who will go during cocktails, our break, and after party
6:50 pm	Executive Director will speak	Nicole Zook.
7:00 pm	Dueling pianos start	We have struggled the last couple of years with the other group we used. We need this to be a huge party and lots of fun. We have an extremely fun crowd that will engage. If you want to be introduced in a certain way (like prize fighters, etc.), or have other ideas to get the show started on a high note, please let us know and we will do it!
8:30 pm	Break for players (not sure of the exact time-our DJ will play music and keep the party going) & last call for raffle tickets	We will draw tickets once you are playing again. We will put the winning numbers on the screens above the stage and guests can pick up their prizes at their leisure. You may have to announce to watch the screens or if we have a lot that aren't picked up, we might need you to make an announcement.
10:00 pm	DJ will keep playing for an after-party once you are done for the night	

### **Announcements**

We would love any social media exposure you can give us!

### **Explicit Lyrics:**

We have no children in attendance. It is at your discretion how you would like to handle it. Again, we have a party crowd!

### **Tipping:**

Yes, for charity  
Youth Service Bureau

### **Alcohol/Bar**

**Type:** Cash

**Additional Information:** My husband is the DJ. He would like to discuss what songs you generally play (that aren't requests) and he will make sure he doesn't play that during the social hour or when you are on break.

As part of our hotel package, they reserve 2 hotel rooms for your players. As the time nears, I just need the names to reserve the room under. If you aren't staying, I'd need to know that, too.

They used Windy City Dueling Pianos in the past and had a bad experience. They want an interactive show!



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## Miscellaneous Information

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### **People To Include In Show**

Bill Burrus, Board Member, can sing Johnny Cash or Elvis (I can't remember offhand), really well. We have gotten people to tip so he'll sing.

Nicole Zook, Executive Director, has an amazing voice. She sang for the first time this year at our event.

### **Wireless**

#### **Details:**

**Please Provide The Name Of The Connection And Password**

**Wireless Name**

**Password**

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### **Other**

**Performer's Attire** - Dressy Casual (Women: a degree of polish, such as a blazer or jewellery. Flats or heels are acceptable. Men: chinos, suit pants or designer denims with a button-up or collared shirt; no ties.)

**Performance Expectations** - 2

A lot of dueling piano banter and comedy. A little focus on dancing.

### **Departure And Load-Out**

**We must be packed up and out of the venue by 11:30 pm**

**Additional Information:** We are comfortable with your professional opinion on reading the room when it comes to performance. Our crowd likes to dance, but they also love the banter, etc. Reading the room would be best because every year it is different.

We have raised a decent amount of money playing the Cubs song vs...I don't know what other song they played. I was busy hosting so I didn't pay attention. Sorry.

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## Gear Check And No-List

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### **Reminders:**

- Turn down the lights in the room
- Double check your sound board settings, speaker settings, lights, mics on, etc.

### **Gear Check List:**

- Keyboard (with power cable and sustain pedal)
- Wireless Mic and extra batteries (lapel for ceremony)
- Stands (Keyboard Stand, Music Stand, Mic Stand, Light Stands, Speaker Stands)
- Speakers (with power cables)
- Monitors (Players may bring their own. All monitors must use the Main Send, no independent mixes)
- Lights (With power cables and pedals)
- iPad (charged, or with charger)
- Mixing Board
- EIF/Questionnaire
- Pencils/Forms/Tip Jar/Gaff Tape
- Freddy
- Stool
- Cables (Power/Patch/XLR/DJ Cable)
- DJ Headphones
- Mini Shells
- Rockin Roller
- Extra Mic
- Clothing: Shirt/Pants/Socks/Shoes/Belt/Tie/Undershirt
- Business Cards

### **The "No" List**

- No genres/tunes to avoid
- No must-play songs
- No children
- No sound ordinances
- No shuttle

### **Emergency Contacts**

Below is the order of contact to follow:

#### **1. National Entertainment Director**

Shawn Grindle - (412) 860-0544

#### **2. Logistics Manager**

Tina Naponelli - (815) 382-4341

If they are unavailable:

#### **3. COO**

Bre Podgorski - (818) 823-5799 (text only)

#### **4. CEO**

Mike Potts - (815) 245-3623 (text only)

### **Scribd**

Scribd is a great resource for locating sheet music (ie. First dances, ceremony music, special requests). Please feel free to use our account.

Username:info@felixandfingers.com

Password:FFPlayer88

### **Player FAQ**

Have other questions? Chat with our [AI Support](#)