



## **Standard A/V and Stage Requirements**

I look forward to working with you!

To make sure my program provides the best experience for your audience, please review the following standard audio/visual requirements. The majority of event spaces I work in can accommodate; let's discuss options if needed.

### **Projection/Computer Connection**

I use a PowerPoint file that has audio and video embedded in it. (Including walk-on music.)

**If there is a master AV computer**, I can send my deck in advance so it is loaded there.

**If there is not a master AV computer**, I'll need a way to plug my personal Mac laptop into a projection/audio system via an HDMI interface. I'll bring the dongles necessary. In this case, I prefer to drive the presentation directly from the stage, as opposed to the back of the room, to minimize any potential AV issues. Power strip and Internet connectivity also preferred.

### **Confidence/Downstage Monitor**

I will need a monitor downstage that mirrors my presentation, so I don't have to turn my back to the audience in order to see or reference the slides.

### **Microphones**

I travel with a Countryman headset microphone that requires a wireless (lavalier) pack to plug into to reach the sound board. I have both Shure and Sennheiser connections. If the event space does not have those connections, a standard lavalier microphone setup will do.

I will also need a handheld wireless microphone to use for audience interactions.

### **Guitar**

As I use a guitar in my presentations, a way to input the signal into the soundboard is required.

**The easiest option** – If the venue has available Shure wireless packs (what you plug a lavalier mic into), I have a cord that will plug into the pack and my guitar. Easy peasy.

**The second option** – I would need a way to plug a 1/4" guitar cord or XLR cord into the sound system so that I can use my guitar in the presentation. A direct-in box on

the stage is the preferred way to do this in order to minimize wireless interference and get the best sound.

### **Lectern/Podium**

Due to the dynamic nature of my presentations, I don't stand behind a lectern/podium, so if there is one on stage, please move it to the side or off the stage after the previous speaker.

A small table on the side of the stage (or the lectern) is helpful for props, water, and/or to drive the presentation from my computer.

### **Stage Accessibility**

Because I bring audience members onstage with me, I'll need a safe way (ramps/stairs) for people to easily access the stage.

### **Sound Check**

Whenever possible, I prefer to get into the space with the av team the day before- or the morning of - to do a sound check and troubleshoot. I'm pretty 'plug and play' these days, but I always prefer to err on the side of being prepared.

*Thank you for taking the time to help! – Rick.*

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