

The Talent

Now that you've nailed down the absolute basics, you'll want to figure out what & who is exactly involved in making that happen.

If you're planning a banquet you may have keynote speakers, cultural performances, singer/songwriters, skits, games (or anything else you can think up!). If you're planning a concert you may have your main act nailed down but might want to look for openers and other acts. If you're planning a speaker series you'll need an engaging moderator.

Not only will you need the people to make it happen, but the tools they need to be successful. Less technical acts require little in the way of tech specs, maybe just a microphone and some lighting to set the stage; but as acts get more technical, it's important to be sure you're meeting the exact needs of your talent.

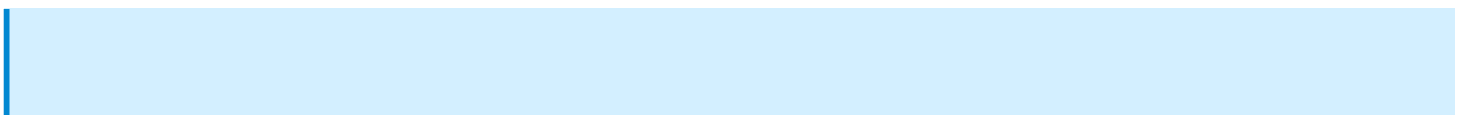
Technical Riders

An artist tech rider, also known as a technical rider or simply a rider, is a document that outlines the technical requirements and specifications needed by an artist or performer for their live performance.

It typically includes information on stage layout, sound equipment, lighting, electrical requirements, and other technical details necessary to ensure that the artist's performance runs smoothly and safely.

A tech rider is often prepared by the artist's production team and is provided to the venue or promoter in advance of the performance. It helps to ensure that the artist's technical needs are met, and that the venue or promoter has sufficient time to arrange for any necessary equipment, personnel, or setup changes.

In many cases, you won't be working with "big" talent that has a complicated rider, but if you have a band, musical act, or performance that requires more than a simple mic you might want to seek a tech rider.



Riders are especially useful to BSSL since they're somewhat standardized and lay out requirements in black and white, reducing miscommunication and ensuring BSSL has the right equipment for your show.

BSSL has a guide for performers on how to create a Tech Rider if they don't already have one!

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