



Fact sheet 2007-8

Who are we?

Funktonite is an eight-piece band playing soul, funk and disco hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s through to the present day. We have both male and female singers and a horn section. The band has been playing together since 1997, and has played many high-profile corporate events including bookings for McKinsey & Co, Lehman Brothers, Penguin Books and Arsenal FC. We have performed at London's hippest venues, including the Science Museum, Oxo tower, Natural History Museum, and Old Billingsgate Market, and have travelled widely, including tours to Italy, Greece and Jersey. We are also very happy to play at weddings and other private functions.

Why choose Funktonite?

The band combines musicianship and enthusiasm with the empathy that comes from a decade of performing together. The band members are all in their twenties, and are united by a love of the music they play. When not performing with Funktonite, our musicians are very active in London's music scene, and members of Funktonite have played with pop sensations Just Jack, in the West End musical Dancing in the Streets, and at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club.

How do I hear the band?

Our latest demo is available as mp3 download or live stream from the website www.funktonite.com, where you can also find a video of us performing at Sway Bar a couple of years ago. We also have regular showcase gigs at London's Dover Street Wine Bar, playing between 10pm and 1am. We can put you on the guestlist if you let us know you're coming. You can check our upcoming dates here: <http://www.doverst.co.uk/music.php?myBand=Funktonite>

How long will we play for?

The band offers 2 options: 2 sets of 50 minutes each or 1 set of 90 minutes. Feel free to choose the option that is most appropriate for your event.

What happens when we are not playing?

Before and in between sets we play a selection of appropriate music over the PA. This will be loud enough for people to carry on dancing if they wish. You can also give us a mix CD of your favourite tunes to play, or we can attach your mp3 player to the PA to play a playlist if you prefer.

Does the band take requests?

We are happy to consider requests given adequate notice, and a full repertoire list is available if required. If the tune you want is not already part of our repertoire, we are usually happy to perform it for a small extra fee (around £40) to cover transcription and writing of sheet music for the band.

How much does funktonite charge?

Please contact us for an individual price quotation. Our prices depend on the distance we have to travel (we do not usually consider engagements over 100 miles from London unless overseas), the length of time the band will have to be on site, and the finish time of the event.

Can you supply PA and lighting?

Where PA and lights are not provided by the venue or AV company, we can usually arrange to provide them for an extra charge of around £200-400 depending on the size of audience. For weddings and small-to-medium sized concerts we would usually bring our own PA system; for larger engagements we can recommend a variety of PA specialists to provide it. When overseas, we also expect backline, drumkit and keyboards to be provided.

Will VAT and travel expenses be added to the fee?

No. Funktonite is not VAT registered, and our prices include travel expenses.

Do you offer any other services?

We can provide a jazz trio or quartet earlier in the day if required. Several of the band hold postgraduate diplomas in jazz performance from the Guildhall School of Music or Trinity College of Music.

What else do we need?

At the venue, we expect to be provided with the following:

- stage (minimum size no less than 20x12 feet)
(NB: we are happy to waive the requirement for a stage where it would not be appropriate, e.g. where the band is not performing to a very large audience)
- hot meal for the band and any crew to be served before the first set of the evening.
- parking for at least 5 cars.
- unlimited access to still chilled mineral water or tap water with ice.
- supply of mains electricity to the performance area.
- lockable changing room/storage area.

Is there anything else I should check with the venue?

Please check that the venue does not have an automatic sound limiter. Although we are very happy to keep our volume within reasonable limits, and are not particularly loud for a band of this size, we are not usually happy to work with automatic sound limiters. In our experience, these are often set at unrealistic levels (90dBA is the volume of a food blender; an unamplified trumpet can register at 100dB or more). Also, they are usually over-sensitive to particular frequencies, even at low volumes. Finally, if the power is cut off suddenly during performance it could damage our equipment. Please consult with us if you discover that your venue has a sound limiter fitted.

It is also wise to look carefully at the room you plan to have the band play in. Some rooms will make the band sound better than others. Anything with a very high, vaulted ceiling or a lot of glass which cannot be covered with curtains will result in a lot of echo and detract from the quality of the performance. Marquees and carpeted rooms sound great though!

Do you need to visit the venue beforehand?

We do not usually do site visits in advance, since it is easy enough to work out where to load in and set up on the day. If the venue has any specific questions or requirements for us, please ask their events manager to contact us directly at info@funktonite.com.

Great – how do I book the band?

We confirm bookings by exchange of contract, and by taking a deposit of £200 (by cheque, payable to 'funktonite'). The deposit forms part of our fee as quoted above. When you are ready to book, we can email the contract over to you to print out and sign.

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