

Bands' and artists' rider requests

Artists and bands often include specific requirements in their riders to ensure comfort and meet personal preferences before performances. They highlight the diverse and sometimes eccentric nature of artists' pre-show requirements. The unique and sometimes extravagant requests made by artists in their riders showcase the diverse and sometimes whimsical nature of artists' preferences and the lengths to which venues go to accommodate them. These riders illustrate not only the personal preferences of these artists but also the quirky, specific, and luxurious nature of their demands.



- **Adele:** Included items such as Marlboro Lights, the "best quality" red wine, and six metal teaspoons in her dressing room. She also banned organic honey.
- **Adele:** Required European beer and Marlboro Lights, but strictly prohibited North American beer.
- **Adele:** Required sandwiches with a specifically made English pickle (Branston Pickle) and no "cheap honey."
- **Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses):** Requested a square melon, among other items, in his dressing room.
- **Barbra Streisand:** Demanded rose petals in her toilet bowl.
- **Beyoncé:** Insisted on her backstage room resembling her home and had a 200-person entourage.
- **Beyoncé:** Requires her dressing room to be kept at 78 degrees Fahrenheit and requests heavily seasoned chicken legs with cayenne pepper. Additionally, only Pepsi products are allowed due to her endorsement deal.
- **Britney Spears:** Asked for a framed photo of Princess Diana in her dressing room.
- **Britney Spears:** Demanded McDonald's cheeseburgers without buns, 100 figs and prunes, and a fish and chips supper when performing at London's O2 arena in 2011.
- **Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band:** Their 37-page rider includes a pre-show meal of chicken soup with lots of broth, two 99-cent bags of Rold Gold pretzels (no substitutions), and a manicurist on standby for acrylic nails.
- **Cher:** Asked for a separate room for her wigs, complete with a designated wig assistant to handle them.
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- **Coldplay:** Requires a vegetarian meal service and organic honey for tea.
- **David Hasselhoff:** Asked for a life-size cardboard cutout of himself in his dressing room.
- **Deadmau5:** Requested an inflatable pool toy at all of his performances for use during the show.
- **Drake:** Requests four dozen natural-scented incense sticks and a continuous supply of Hennessy.
- **Elton John:** Specified that his dressing room temperature be maintained at 60°F in summer and 70°F in winter.
- **Elvis Presley (historical):** Insisted on a dozen boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and bacon-wrapped meatloaf.
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- **Eminem:** Requested a wooden pond filled with koi carp in his backstage area to create a calming atmosphere.
- **Eminem:** Requested Lunchables, a basketball hoop, and peach-scented products in the shower.
- **Foo Fighters:** Included a detailed coloring book in their rider to keep venue staff entertained.
- **Foo Fighters:** Their 2011 tour rider was presented as a coloring book and humorously listed prohibited items such as light sabers and garden gnomes.
- **Iggy Pop:** His 2006 tour rider humorously requested "somebody dressed as Bob Hope" and a copy of 'USA Today' featuring a story about morbidly obese people.
- **Iggy Pop:** His rider humorously requested "seven dwarfs" and a brand of cigarettes he disliked, specifically to throw away.
- **Jack White:** Included a very specific recipe for homemade guacamole in his rider, detailing precise instructions on how to prepare it, including how to cut the avocados.
- **Jay-Z:** His rider includes seven dressing rooms and insists on high-end quality furniture and décor.
- **Jennifer Lopez:** Prefers her dressing room to be all white, including curtains, tablecloths, flowers, and candles, to create a serene environment.
- **Johnny Cash:** Required an American flag to be present on stage during his performances.
- **Justin Bieber:** Requested a private jet to be on standby for his convenience during his tours.
- **Justin Timberlake:** Insisted that doorknobs be sanitized every two hours.
- **Kanye West:** His requests have included a barber's chair, Carmex lip balm, shower shoes, and a slushy machine with mixes of Coke and Hennessy and Grey Goose and lemonade.
- **Kanye West:** Requested a barber's chair and a slushy machine with mixes of Coke and Hennessy, and Grey Goose and lemonade.
- **Katy Perry:** Specified two cream-colored egg chairs and demanded that staff not make eye contact with her.
- **Lady Gaga:** For a performance at BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend, she requested her dressing room be adorned with Union Flag bunting, and that her staff speak in Cockney accents for the duration of the event.

- **Lady Gaga:** Requested a mannequin with puffy pink pubic hair backstage.
- **Laibach:** For a 1980s tour, the avant-garde band requested that the venue provide a deer head with antlers to use as a stage prop.
- **M.I.A.:** Requested three young women dancing in full-body burqas.
- **Madonna:** Insisted on a brand new toilet seat at every venue.
- **Madonna:** Requires an all-vegan menu and 20 international phone lines installed for her entourage.
- **Mariah Carey:** Once requested Cristal champagne with bendy straws and a "gold room."
- **Mariah Carey:** Reportedly asked for 20 white kittens and 100 white doves when appearing at a Christmas lights event.
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- **Marilyn Manson:** Once requested Haribo gummy bears and an assortment of chocolate bars.
- **Marilyn Manson:** Requested a bald, toothless prostitute.
- **Mary J. Blige:** Demanded a fresh toilet seat for each venue.
- **Michael Bublé:** Requested a local team hockey puck in his dressing room at every venue, reflecting his passion for ice hockey.
- **Mick Jagger:** Requested a custom-made pool table and a pinball machine.
- **Mick Jagger:** Requests a new mattress in his hotel room, insisting the plastic wrapping stays on while someone sleeps on it for one night to break it in.
- **Nicki Minaj:** Demands buckets of spicy fried chicken with no skin, and 12 different types of cheeses.
- **Nine Inch Nails:** Asked for two boxes of corn starch to keep their leather outfits dry.
- **Paul McCartney:** As a strict vegan, he required that no animal-based products be present in his dressing room, including furniture made of leather or any animal print fabrics.
- **Paul McCartney:** Required all furniture to be free of animal print or leather.
- **Pharrell Williams:** Required a framed photograph of Carl Sagan in his dressing room.
- **Pink:** Insisted on a room filled with inflatable chairs and a popcorn machine.
- **Prince:** Insisted that all items in his dressing room be covered by clear plastic wrap until he personally uncovered them.
- **Prince:** Required a physician to administer a B-12 injection before the show.
- **Rihanna:** Demanded an animal-print rug for her room and precisely set temperature levels.
- **Selena Gomez:** Asked for fluffy throws and scented candles in her dressing room.
- **Shakira:** Requests white couches and all-white décor to match her dressing room aesthetics.
- **Snoop Dogg:** Demands an Xbox setup and high-quality sound systems.
- **Taylor Swift:** For her VIP guests at Wembley, she provided British favorites like Walkers crisps, Heinz ketchup, Hellman's mayonnaise, freshly made nachos, and a complimentary bar.
- **Taylor Swift:** Ordered Greggs sausage rolls and steak bakes for her Eras Tour in Edinburgh.
- **Taylor Swift:** Requested a specific brand of lavender soap and Starbucks grande iced caramel lattes with two Sweet'N Lows.

- **The Killers:** Ask for a high-quality espresso machine and organic almond milk.
- **The Rolling Stones:** Their rider has included shepherd's pie, paint brushes, and a television to watch cricket.
- **Tom Hardy:** Requested lavender diffusers in his trailer to help him relax.
- **Van Halen:** Famously requested a bowl of M&M's with all the brown ones removed. This was included as a test to ensure the venue had read the contract thoroughly, as overlooking this detail could indicate other technical requirements were neglected.
- **Will Ferrell (for a comedy tour):** Jokingly requested an electric three-wheel mobility scooter and a rainbow on a stick.

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