TourShows 4.0.17

Joomla Administrator Guide

Manage your concerts. Publish your tour.

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This guide covers the commercial Joomla package, not the separate interactive demo module or the Extension Shop administration. Menu names below use English; labels may differ with your administrator language and template.

What the package provides

Part	What you use it for
Tour Shows component	Create, edit, publish and delete concert records; configure the shared flag folder, global CSS and permissions.
Tour Shows - Concert list module	Display the records on your website, with date filters, ticket links, availability notices and an optional header image.

Requirements and preparation

- **Joomla 5.x and 6.x**. The installer accepts Joomla 5.0 or later and rejects Joomla 4.x and Joomla 7 or later.
- MySQL or MariaDB. Other database drivers are rejected by this package.
- A PHP version supported by your Joomla installation. The TourShows installer does not enforce a separate PHP minimum.
- Administrator permission to install extensions and manage website modules. Uploading images also requires Joomla Media upload permission.
- Before updating an existing installation, create a backup of the site files and database.

Quick start

1. Open **System > Install > Extensions > Upload Package File** and upload the complete package ZIP. Do not extract and install its child ZIPs separately.
2. Open **Components > Tour Shows**, choose **New concert**, enter a future date and city, and save with **Published = Yes**.
3. Open **Content > Site Modules** (or the equivalent Modules screen). Find **Tour Shows - Concert list**, or create a module of that type if none is listed.
4. Choose a valid position in your active site template, publish the module, and assign it to the required menu pages.
5. Save and check the website. If nothing appears, first check publication, module assignment and the concert's date.

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2. Managing concerts

Open **Components > Tour Shows**. The list shows concert dates, locations, venues and publication status. Search matches the city/location, venue or show name. The administration list is ordered by date, earliest first, with up to 50 records per page. This is independent of the module's frontend ordering.

Create or edit a concert

Choose **New concert**, or use **Edit** beside an existing record. Complete the fields and click **Save**. **Cancel** returns to the list without saving the form.

Field	Purpose and behaviour
Concert date	Required. Choose the calendar date of the concert. Stored as YYYY-MM-DD; there is no concert-time field in this version.
Show name	Optional name displayed below the date when Display show name is enabled in the module.
City / location	Required. Enter the city or location; the selected country name is added automatically on the website.
Venue	Optional venue name.
Country / territory	Optional country selection. Supplies the country name and ISO code used to find its flag image.
Ticket URL	Optional full HTTP or HTTPS address, such as https://example.com/tickets. Relative addresses are not accepted.
VIP URL	Optional full HTTP or HTTPS address for VIP tickets.
Sold out	Replaces the regular ticket button with SOLD OUT. It does not automatically remove the VIP button.
Ticket availability notice	Select No notice, Selling fast or Final tickets. One notice can be selected per concert.
Published	Yes makes the record eligible for the frontend list. No hides it from all concert-list modules.

Ticket and notice behaviour

- Ticket and VIP links open in a new browser tab.
- A missing regular ticket URL produces a disabled TICKETS placeholder unless the concert is sold out.
- A missing VIP URL produces a disabled VIP placeholder when Display VIP Button is Yes. Setting it to No removes both VIP links and placeholders.
- The Selling fast and Final tickets choices identify a notice; they do not measure inventory or check ticket availability automatically.
- A sold-out record may still display its selected availability notice. Review the notice when marking a concert sold out.

Publish, unpublish or delete

Use the status button in the list to publish or unpublish a concert. Use **Delete** to permanently remove a record after confirming the prompt. There is no recycle bin for concert records; unpublish when you want to retain the data.

Concert administration - screenshots

Use these screens with the field reference in section 2. The values shown are examples.



Figure 1. Concert overview: create records, search, change publication status, edit or delete.

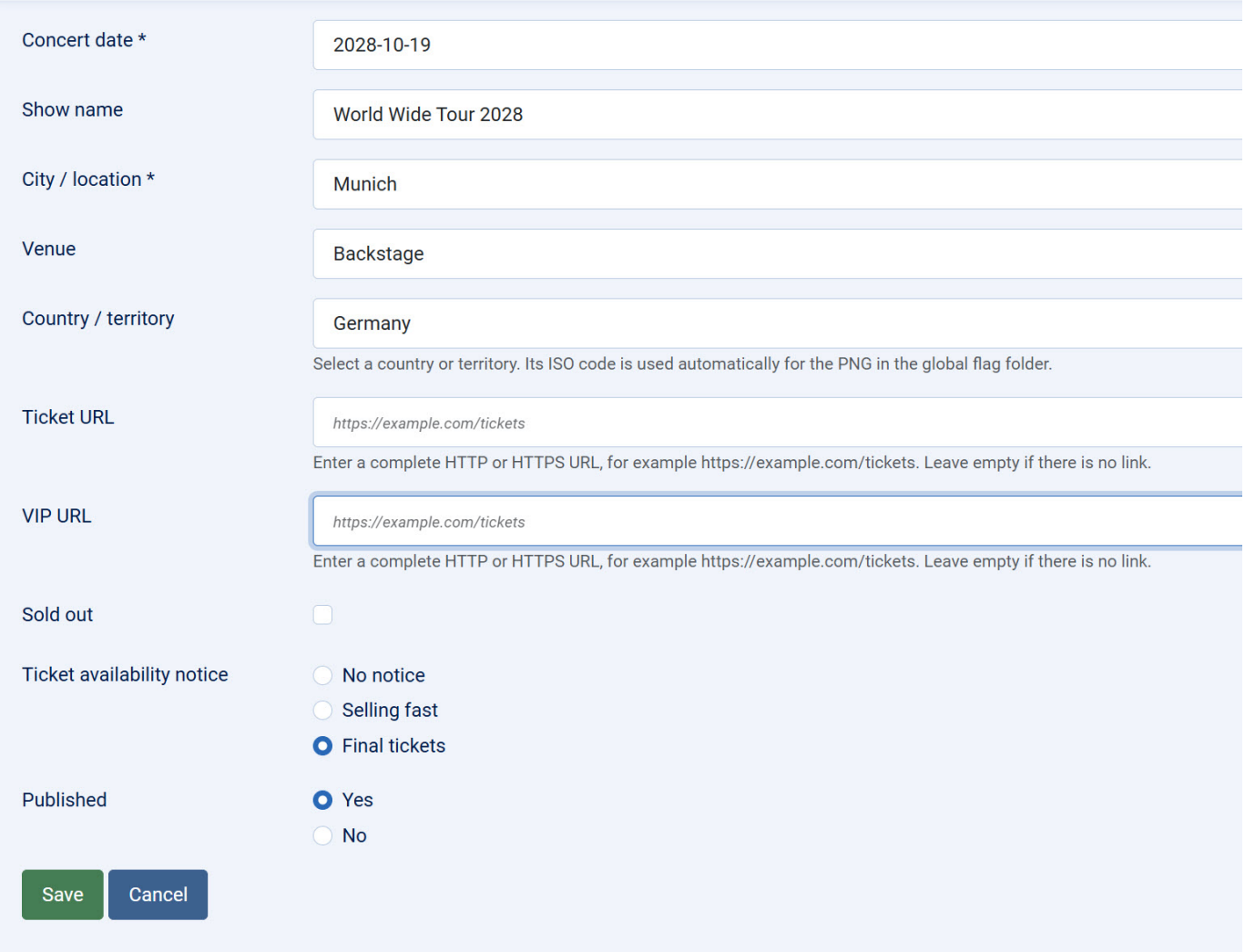


Figure 2. Concert editor: date, location, country, ticket links, availability and publication.

3. Module settings reference

Edit the **Tour Shows - Concert list** website module. The Concert list settings appear in the order below. Hover over their labels for help. Joomla's publication, position, access and menu-assignment settings apply separately.

Setting	Default	What it controls
Number of concerts	10	Maximum records shown after filtering. Allowed range: 1-1000.
Order	Ascending	Earliest eligible concert first. Descending shows the latest eligible date first.
Start date	Empty	Inclusive lower date limit. Empty means today in the Joomla site's time zone.
End date	Empty	Inclusive upper date limit. Empty means no upper limit.
Display show name	No	Shows the entered show name below the date. Empty names remain absent.
Display country flags	Yes	Shows flags when a country and valid global flag-folder configuration are available.
Display VIP Button	Yes	Shows VIP links or disabled placeholders. No removes both.
Selling fast text	Empty	Custom module text for the Selling fast notice. Empty uses the translated default, such as SELLING FAST!
Final tickets text	Empty	Custom module text for the Final tickets notice. Empty uses the translated default, such as FINAL TICKETS!
Header image	Empty	Browse, upload or enter an image address. Empty means no header image.
Appearance	Dark	Select the Dark or Light colour scheme.
Custom CSS	Empty	Additional CSS loaded after the default and global styles. Enter CSS only, without style tags.

Understanding the date filters

Only **published** concerts within the module's date range are displayed. By default, past concerts disappear from the website but remain in the administration list.

To show an archive, set an explicit Start date in the past. To display a fixed tour, set both dates. Boundaries are inclusive: concerts on either boundary date are included. If the entered Start date is later than End date, the module swaps them internally; enter them chronologically to avoid confusion.

The count limit is applied after date filtering and ordering. Two modules can therefore show different subsets of the same records without duplicating concerts.

Example configuration

For an upcoming-tour page: leave both dates empty, select Ascending, set Number of concerts to 20, and enable the display switches you need. For an archive: set a past Start date and an End date, and select Descending.

Version note: the module's Layout selector was removed before 4.0.17. There are no visitor-facing display switches in the sale module; those belong to the separate demo module.

Module settings - screenshot

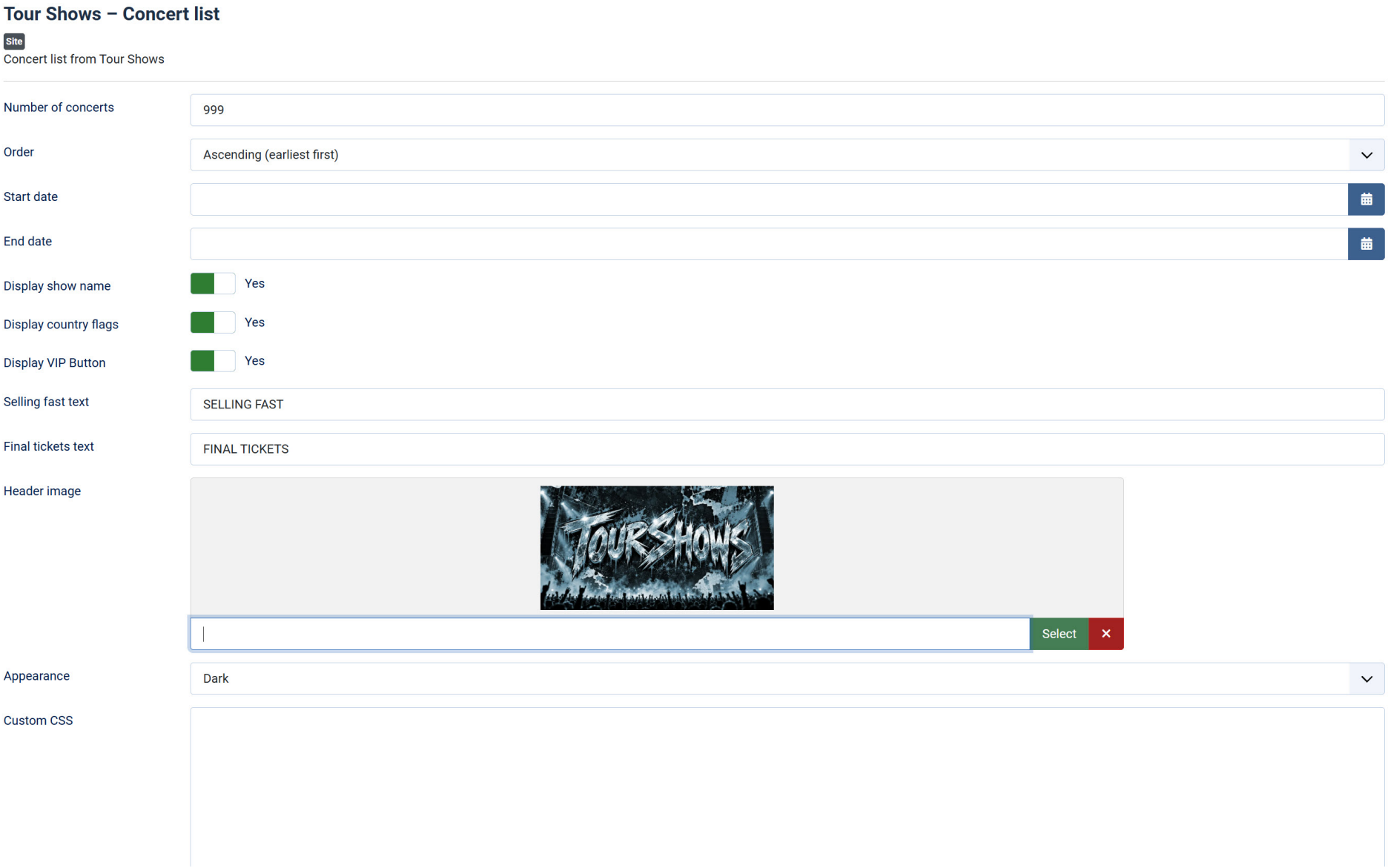


Figure 3. Module configuration. The screenshot shows example values, not the installation defaults listed in section 3.

4. Header images and country flags

Select or upload a header image

1. Edit the concert-list module and find **Header image**.
2. Open the media picker and select an existing image. To add a new one, upload it through the media manager, then select it.
3. Save the module and check the assigned page on desktop and mobile.

The image appears above the concert list. It scales to the module width and keeps its proportions; the module does not force a fixed crop. A **1320 x 700 pixel WebP** is a useful banner example, not a required size. Joomla Media settings and server support determine which image types and upload sizes are allowed.

You can also enter an image URL or a site-relative path such as `images/tour/header.webp`. Existing saved image URLs remain supported. Clear the field and save to remove the header.

Accessibility: this version renders the header with empty alternative text. Treat it as decorative; repeat important tour information in accessible page content rather than only inside the image.

Configure the shared flag folder

Flag images are not bundled with the package. Prepare PNG flags using lowercase ISO country codes, for example:

```
images/flags/de.png
images/flags/fr.png
images/flags/gb.png
images/flags/us.png
```

1. Upload the images to a folder such as `images/flags` using Joomla Media or your normal site-file workflow.
2. Open **Components > Tour Shows > Options**.
3. Set **Flag folder** to `images/flags` and save. Enter the folder, not an individual filename.
4. Select the country on each concert and enable **Display country flags** in the module.

A full external HTTPS folder URL is also supported, for example `https://example.com/flags`. The module appends the country code and `.png`. Do not add a query string or fragment to the folder address.

When a flag is missing

Check all four requirements: a selected country, Display country flags = Yes, a configured global folder, and the matching lowercase PNG filename. Local files must exist in the site folder; external images must be publicly accessible. A missing or failed image is hidden rather than displayed as a broken flag.

The folder is shared by all concert-list modules. Clearing it hides flags globally without removing the country name from concert locations.

5. Text, themes and custom CSS

Customise the notice text

Set **Selling fast text** and **Final tickets text** in each module. These fields change the wording of the corresponding selected notice; they do not turn it on for every concert. Choose the notice separately in the concert editor.

Leave a text field empty to use the language default. The package includes English, German, French and Spanish translations. TICKETS, VIP and SOLD OUT do not have separate text controls in this module; changing those translations requires Joomla language overrides.

Choose Dark or Light

Use **Appearance** to select the module's base colour scheme. Match it to the page background, then review contrast and links. A theme change affects the concert list; it does not change your Joomla site's template.

Global CSS versus module CSS

- **Tour Shows > Options > Custom CSS:** shared custom styling for the concert-list display.
- **Module > Custom CSS:** additional styling loaded after the base stylesheet and shared CSS.

CSS remains page-wide even when entered in one module. Prefix selectors with `.tourshows` to avoid unrelated page elements. If several TourShows modules share a page, that selector affects all of them. For a single instance, scope rules to a unique wrapper provided by your template.

Enter plain CSS without `<style>` tags. Prefer the custom CSS settings over editing installed CSS files, which can be replaced by updates. CSS order alone does not override a selector with greater specificity or an existing `!important` rule.

Example: white Final tickets text on red

```
.tourshows .event-final-tickets-info {
  color: #ffffff !important;
  background-color: #c40000 !important;
  padding: 4px 8px;
  border-radius: 3px;
}
```

The supplied 4.0.17 stylesheet uses red Final tickets text on a transparent background. The example above deliberately changes that appearance.

Example: replace the list font

```
.tourshows {
  font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
}
```

Save, refresh the page, and clear relevant site or optimisation caches if the change is not visible. Check a narrow screen as well as desktop: the list stacks its details on smaller screens.

6. Publication, permissions and daily work

Put the module on the correct pages

In Joomla's website-module editor, set the module to **Published**, choose a position supported by the active site template, and select the required pages under **Menu Assignment**. Review the module's access level, language and any scheduled publication dates.

Publishing a concert is not enough by itself: its module must also be visible on the page. Conversely, publishing the module does not make unpublished or date-filtered concerts appear.

More than one concert list

You can create multiple instances of the concert-list module. For example, place a short upcoming list on the home page and a longer list on a tour page. Each instance has its own count, date range, ordering, display switches, notice text, image and theme; all read the same concert records.

When duplicating a module, check its inherited menu assignment and publication settings before saving.

Administrator permissions

Tour Shows component options include Joomla permissions for administration, options, access to the administration interface, creating records, editing records and deleting records. Editing permission is also required to change publication status.

Permissions for Joomla's module manager and Media uploads are separate. If a user can edit concerts but cannot configure modules or upload a header, review those Joomla permissions as well.

Routine workflow

1. Create the concert with a valid date and city; add its country and venue.
2. Paste and test the full regular and VIP ticket links.
3. Select a notice if needed, then publish the concert.
4. Check the public page, including the active module's date filters.
5. When availability changes, edit the notice or mark the concert sold out. Decide separately whether VIP should remain available.
6. To hide a cancelled entry while keeping its record, unpublish it. Delete only when the record is no longer needed.

Backups and maintenance

Include the Joomla database, uploaded header images and flag folder in your site backups. Concerts live in the database, not in Joomla articles. This package does not provide a concert export screen or article-import workflow, even though some older translation strings mention import features.

7. Licensing and updates

Download key

The package registers a protected update source with the download-key prefix `download_key=`. The key belongs in Joomla's matching **Update Site** record, not in a module field, public page or ticket URL.

1. Sign in to the seller's customer account and copy the key for the correct purchased product.
2. In Joomla, open **System > Update > Update Sites** and edit the Tour Shows update site.
3. Enter the key in the download-key field and save. Labels vary with Joomla's administrator language.
4. Open **System > Update > Extensions**, check for updates, and install the offered compatible release.

Keep the key private. Download access and update entitlement are checked by the seller's service. The installed concert-list module contains no frontend license-entry screen.

Update an existing installation

Use either Joomla's extension updater or **Install > Extensions > Upload Package File** with the complete newer package ZIP. Install over the existing package; do not uninstall it first. After the update, review the concert list and one public page, including flags, header, ticket buttons and custom CSS.

The package uses Joomla's upgrade installation method. Its installer can migrate older shared show-name, flag and notice settings to existing module instances. Review those module settings after an upgrade from an older release.

If automatic updating fails

First confirm that the update site is enabled, the key is for the correct product, and the seller's update feed advertises compatibility with your Joomla and PHP environment. Package compatibility does not automatically change the remote feed. Refresh Joomla's update information after correcting the settings.

An **Invalid extension update** message can indicate an unreadable or incompatible update-feed entry; it is not, by itself, proof that the ZIP is corrupt. Report the complete message, your Joomla/PHP versions and the installed TourShows version to support. Do not publish your download key when sharing diagnostics.

If you have the authorised full package ZIP, manual upload is an alternative installation route. It does not repair the seller's update feed, so report persistent automatic-update problems separately.

Uninstalling

The component and module are installed together as a package. For updates, use the upgrade procedure above. Before a deliberate removal, back up the site and remove the package through Joomla's extension management. Do not rely on uninstalling as a data-preservation or troubleshooting method.

8. Troubleshooting and package reference

Symptom	Check or action
Module is completely absent	Published status, template position, menu assignment, access level, language and scheduling.
Module appears but concerts do not	Concert publication, Start/End dates, site time zone and Number of concerts. The empty Start date means today.
A past concert disappeared	Expected with the default date range. Set an explicit past Start date for an archive.
Show name is missing	Enter a name in the concert and set Display show name = Yes in that module.
Country name appears without a flag	Enable flags; configure the global folder; check the country and lowercase PNG filename.
VIP button remains on a sold-out concert	Sold out controls the regular ticket button only. Display VIP Button is a separate module-wide setting.
A ticket button looks faded	Its URL is empty, so the module displays a disabled placeholder. Add a valid full HTTP/HTTPS link.
Header upload is unavailable	Check Joomla Media permissions, allowed file types, upload limits and server support.
Header is not displayed	Check the selected path/URL, file availability, module save and menu assignment. Clear the field to intentionally hide it.
Notice has the wrong wording	Check the concert's selected notice and that module's corresponding text field. Empty uses a translated default.
CSS change has no visible effect	Save, refresh caches, check selector specificity and test the correct module/page. Base rules may use !important.
New or edited concert will not save	Date and city are required; use valid dates, full HTTP/HTTPS ticket links and the necessary create/edit permission.
Access denied or invalid token	Review permissions. If the session has expired, sign in again and reopen the administration form.

Package identifiers for support

Package: `pkg_tourshows` | **Component:** `com_tourshows`

Website module: `mod_events_shows_full_with_flags` | **Version:** 4.0.17

Languages: English, German, French, Spanish.

Scope and verification

Verified against the manifests, forms and source code in `pkg_tourshows_4.0.17_licensed.zip`. The separate Demo module, Extension Shop, WordPress plugin and later releases are outside this guide. Navigation varies by Joomla language, template and permissions.