
Selecting Your Music

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Music is something that is a key element in any good wedding. Deciding what type of music you'd like to play is one of the trickier aspects of planning a wedding. Not only do you have to find music that you like, you also have to choose music that the guests would enjoy. Playing nothing but sappy love songs for hours on end will not only bore the guests, but overdo the whole celebration. So, what type of music should be played at a successful wedding? Variety!

Yes, love songs are to be expected, but they should also be limited. Playing ten love songs back to back can get very tiresome. And no one wants to slow dance for ten consecutive songs, except maybe the love birds. But remember, not everyone that is celebrating your wedding with you is in a relationship. A good idea would be to mix things up a bit. If you'd like to play a lot of romance songs, doing them back to back wouldn't be the best idea.

Perhaps playing a love song, and then something different in between would be a better idea. The top most played love songs at weddings include, "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing"

by Aerosmith, "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, and "Your Song" by Elton John. These songs tend to sum up quite a lot of emotions that couples may not be able to vocalize themselves. Which is why for the first dance these songs, and songs similar, are ideal, but for other parts of the wedding these songs are best to be avoided.

Parts of a wedding where music is to be expected can be broken down into groups. We start off with the ceremony, where the traditional songs can be played. After that music begins to be more of a challenge as we enter into the celebration. There should be different music for the bride's dance with her father, the groom's dance with his mother, the first dance (which was previously touched upon), the garter and bouquet toss, the cutting of the cake, background music for dinner, music for the

celebration, and finally music for the last dance. For

the mother dance and the father dance, similar music can actually be used. Both dances are thanking the parents; therefore the music should be thanking the parents as well.

Music for the celebration should be a wide variety, since your guests will also be all ages and have very many different music variations that they like. These songs can be anything from an Abba song, to a Justin Timberlake song,

or even if you want a song from Queen. More of a laid

back song can be used when cutting the cake or a funny song that plays with the idea such as "Cut The Cake" by Average White Band can be used. And how amusing would it be to have the song "Wild Thing" by Tone Loc plays as the groom strips off the garter. The bouquet toss can take on a different approach. An amusing song such as "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" by Cyndi Lauper can play, or a softer song may be selected.

As the celebration comes to an end, a song for the last dance should be played as well. The guests are leaving, and the couple will be beginning a new life together. A song for goodbye to the guests, but hello to a new life would be a perfect song. "Last Dance" by Donna Summer would be a good song for this. But overall just remember to play music that you like, because in the end this is your day, and you'll remember every piece of it. Remember it with good background music!

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