

PIPER JACK

Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to check out my site! Your upcoming event is very important to me and I would like to help make it beautiful and memorable, by providing an outstanding musical experience for you and your family.

Why bagpipes?

When played well by a piper dressed in full plaid (the “piper's plaid”—with its flowing cape-like flair), the bagpipes’ unique sound and presentation create a wonderful first impression that easily evokes a sense of ceremonial grandeur and formality. While bagpipes are indeed very popular at Irish and Scottish affairs, their appeal is *truly* universal. Over the past 40 years, I have piped for individuals of most ethnicities and religions.

Why me?

While piping is an unusual and honed talent, there are a bunch of us “out there” (*though I am not sure how many of them can say they have over 40 years’ of experience, piping at funerals and weddings!*).

I take the time to know you, understand what you are looking for, and will provide suggestions tailored to accommodate your wishes. The thing that differentiates me most from the other pipers out there, is that I bring more than *just* “music” to your event.....I bring a piping “Experience”!

Other Brides that I’ve been honored to pipe for will tell you that not only am I a talented musician, but my presence, pleasant personality, calm demeanor and on numerous occasions, my “quick thinking” have added something special and memorable to their day.

One wedding couple would recall how I kept performing to intentionally delay the start of their ceremony long enough for the bride’s grandparents to arrive after getting lost on their way. Another bride would share that I helped pin and sew her wedding dress back together after the zipper split apart just before the ceremony began. I’ve helped calm countless brides, bridesmaids, flower children and even a few grooms that were getting “nervous” prior to the start of the wedding. Many have said that by the time their wedding was over, they felt like I was a long lost member of their family. *It’s such a nice compliment!*

What gets played, and when?

Here are some ideas on how to incorporate bagpipes into your wedding day. I’ll be happy to help you select songs.

Pipe Program Options

- A. **HERALD:** From outside the ceremony, I pipe to “call” your guests (and everyone else’s attention) to the wedding that is about to get underway
- B. **ESCORT:** I can pipe down the aisle ahead of you to “announce” your arrival and “pave the way”
- C. **ACCOMPANY:** Selections can be played at appropriate times during the service (with your clergy’s blessing)
- D. **ANNOUNCE:** I pipe in front of you and your new spouse as you head back up the aisle married
- E. **AMBIENCE:** I pipe off in a distance after the ceremony while the two of you meet and greet your guests
- F. **INTRODUCE:** I’ll stay with the bridal party through the beginning of the Reception, then I lead (or as we say “pipe”) you and your new spouse through the banquet area and out onto the dance floor in “GRAND ROYAL” fashion!

If you have other ideas or visions, just let me know.

Sounds great! But can I afford this?

The list of pipe options (in the section above) helps us work together to choose what best accommodates your budget and put together a Pipe Program that enhances your special day.

1. Contact me and let me know your wedding date so I can confirm my availability. (My contact information is below.)
2. Send a \$75 deposit will CONFIRM the date of your wedding. A check made payable to: "Jack Heins" can be mailed to the address noted below. Be sure to note your thoughts on which options you are interested in and any specific requests you may have: particular songs you would like played, processional and recessional, etc. I will include everything in a contract that I will mail to you.
3. Upon return of the signed contract, I will reach back out to schedule a time with you to discuss your Pipe Program - either in person or by phone, as you prefer.
4. The balance may be paid IN CASH on the DAY of your event, or with a CHECK at least TWO WEEKS before your event.

Oh, and since you have enough to worry about, you have my guarantee that once I have committed to your engagement, "I WILL BE THERE FOR YOU." If an emergency should arise, be assured that *I* will take care of all the necessary arrangements to have a competent piper there to take my place. You will not have to worry about a thing!

I am looking forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions and/or would like some ideas for your special day, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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