



Music & Event Flow

We know how difficult wedding planning can be. To alleviate some of your stress we created an additional section focussed on planning. It features all of the traditional components along with song ideas for each one. Please note that our clients are not required to use this music and can choose whatever they like. Enjoy!

Ceremony

1. Prelude

The prelude is a 30 minute block of time that precedes the ceremony. For example, if the ceremony begins at 4:00PM the prelude begins at 3:30PM.

Song ideas

- Piano Guys - All of Me
 - Chris Springer - How Great Thou Art
 - Vitamin String Quartet - All I Want is You
 - Mozart - Serenade No.13 In G Major
 - Tony Rice - New Chance Blues
 - Faith Hill - It's Your Love
 - Taj Mahal - Queen Bee
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2. Bridal Party Entry

The ceremony will begin with the bridal party members entering and taking their places up front.

Song ideas

- Train - Marry Me
- Vitamin String Quartet - Viva La Vida
- Israel K. - Over the Rainbow

3. Bride Entry

This is the moment everybody has been waiting for, especially the groom! The bride enters the ceremony, walks down the center aisle and takes her place next to her fiancé at the altar.

Song ideas

- Johann Pachelbel - Canon in D
- Rascal Flatts - Bless the Broken Road
- Wedding Classics - Bridal Chorus
- Piano Guys - 1000 Years

4. Symbolic Act

Some couples set aside time during the ceremony to celebrate communion, light unity candles or pour unity sand. This moment is called the symbolic act.

Song ideas

- Brian Crain - A Walk in the Forest
- Instrumental Praise - Amazing Grace
- Shania Twain - From this Moment
- Piano Guys - Open Arms

5. Recessional

This is the moment when the bridal party exits the ceremony beginning with the newly married couple.

Song ideas

- Colbie Caillat - I Do
- One Republic - Good Life
- Hall & Oats - You Make My Dreams
- American Authors - Best Day of My Life
- Stevie Wonder - Signed, Sealed, Delivered
- Grease - You're The One That I Want
- Mendelssohn - Wedding March
- Natalie Cole - This Will Be

Reception

1. Cocktail Hour

The cocktail hour begins immediately after the ceremony concludes. The guests enjoy refreshments while the bride and groom slip away to take photos. See Dinner Hour for song ideas.

2. Grand Entrance

This is the moment when the bridal party enters the reception. When the music starts the DJ will begin to announce the names of the bridal party as they enter, beginning with the bridesmaids and groomsmen and ending with the bride and groom.

Song ideas

- Pharrell Williams - Happy
 - Frank Sinatra - Love & Marriage
 - Black Eyed Peas - I Gotta Feeling
 - Kool & The Gang - Celebration
 - Justin Timberlake - Suit & Tie
 - TI - Bring Em Out
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3. Dinner Hour

The dinner hour begins right after the bridal party's grand entrance. It includes the meal, table visits and toasts. The average dinner hour lasts about an hour and a half.

Song ideas

- Dean Martin - That's Amore
 - Nat King Cole - Unforgettable
 - Modern English - I Melt With You
 - Glen Miller - Moonlight Serenade
 - Louis Armstrong - What a Wonderful World
 - The Rolling Stones - Brown Sugar
 - The Drifters - This Magic Moment
 - Brian McKnight - Back at One
 - Muddy Waters - Mannish Boy
 - Florida Georgia Line - Cruise
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4. Cake Cut

This is the moment when the bride, groom and guests are summoned to the cake table to cut the wedding cake.

Song ideas

- Maroon 5 - Sugar
- The Archies - Sugar Sugar
- The Four Tops - Can't Help Myself
- James Taylor - How Sweet it Is
- Thomas Rhett - Sweetheart
- Soul For Real - Candy Rain

5. First Dance

This is the moment when the bride and groom dance together for the first time as husband and wife. It is usually the first dance of the reception.

Song ideas

- John Legend - All of Me
 - Kip Moore - Hey Pretty Girl
 - Heatwave - Always & Forever
 - Righteous Brothers - Unchained Melody
 - Richard Marx - Right Here Waiting
 - Bryan Adams - Everything I Do
 - Journey - Open Arms
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6. Father/Daughter Dance

This is the moment when the father of the bride joins his daughter on the dance floor for a special dance. This dance represents the passing of the fathers care and protection for his daughter to his new son-in-law.

Song ideas

- The Temptations - My Girl
 - Heartland - I Loved Her First
 - Steven Curtis Chapman - Cinderella
 - Bob Carlisle - Butterfly Kisses
 - John Mayer - Daughters
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7. Mother/Son Dance

This is the moment when the mother of the groom joins her son on the dance floor for a special dance. This dance represents the passing of the mothers loving care for her son to her new daughter-in-law.

Song ideas

- T. Carter - A Mothers Song
- Mark Masri - A Mothers Love
- Bonnie Barbey - A Mothers Prayer
- Rod Stewart - Forever Young
- Tim McGraw - Gentle & Kind
- Ben E. King - Stand By Me

8. Honeymoon Dance

The honeymoon dance is a special dance where guests pay to dance with the bride and groom. Guys line up to dance with the bride and gals line up to dance with the groom. The honeymoon dance is a great way to collect funds for the bride and groom as they begin their new life together.

Song ideas

- Pink Floyd - Money
 - Madonna - Material Girl
 - The O'Jays - For the Love of Money
 - Chris Stapleton - Millionaire
 - Michael Buble - Everything
 - Jason Mraz - I'm Yours
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9. Anniversary Dance

The anniversary dance consists of bringing out and celebrating all the married couples from newest to oldest. It is a great way for the DJ to fill the dance floor right before shifting to open dancing.

Song ideas

- Shania Twain - Still the One
 - Sonny & Cher - I Got You Babe
 - Kenny Rogers - Through the Years
 - Grover Washington - Just the Two of Us
 - Frank Sinatra - It Had to be You
 - Al Green - Let's Stay Together
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10. Bouquet Toss

This is the moment when the bride gathers the single and not yet married ladies on the dance floor to throw her bouquet.

Song ideas

- Beastie Boys - Girls
- Travis Scott - Ayy Ladies
- Shania Twain - Man I Feel Like a Woman
- Pat Benatar - Hit Me With Your Best Shot
- Cyndi Lauper - Girls Wanna Have Fun
- Beyonce - Single Ladies

11. Garter Toss

This is the moment when the groom and bride gather the single and not yet married guys on the dance floor to remove and toss the garter belt.

Song ideas

- David Rose - The Stripper
- Fox Studios - Fox Football Theme
- George Thorogood - Bad To The Bone
- Queen - Another One Bites The Dust
- ZZTop - Sharp Dressed Man

12. Dancing

This is the moment when the dance floor is officially opened to all. Make sure to set aside at least an hour for dancing because people love to dance!

Song ideas

- Usher - Yeah!
- Cupid - Cupid Shuffle
- Dazz Band - Let it Whip
- Michael Jackson - Thriller
- Chubby Checker - The Twist
- Bob Seger - Old Time Rock N Roll
- Brooks & Dunn - Boot Scootin' Boogie
- KC & The Sunshine Band - Give it Up
- Def Leppard - Pour Some Sugar
- Wilson Pickett - Mustang Sally
- The B52's - Love Shack
- Etta James - At Last
- Ke\$ha - Tik Tok

13. Grand Exit

This is the moment when the bride and groom depart from the wedding reception. The guests will line up with sparklers, glow sticks, or something else to send them off. This usually takes place shortly before the event ends.

Song ideas

- Bill Medley - Time of My Life
- Europe - The Final Countdown
- Frank Sinatra - Fly Me to The Moon
- Smash Mouth - I'm a Believer
- Semisonic - Closing Time

Guidelines

First, client playlists must be done in Spotify or Apple Music and should be created in proportion to time. For example, if a client has 1 hour for dancing, their playlist for dancing should be roughly 1.25 hours. The same rule applies to Prelude, Cocktail and Dinner Hours. For best results leave the dancing to us and just list a few must play and do not play songs. Leave room for our expertise!

Second, try to avoid excessive explicit music. Weddings are family oriented—grandmas, babies, children and others might be present and sensitive to certain material. Be respectful, not ratchet.

Third and finally, plan with FUN in mind!