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Just like every wedding reception, every playlist is unique. Each reception playlist I craft is tailored based on the client's preferences and the experience they want. As part of our consultation, I listen to what the couple wants and will also make suggestions. Here is a sample soundtrack (excerpts of playlists) based on:

- The couple were both 30 years old, with the reception in a large barn venue, running from 6:30-11:30 (5 hours) in October 2017
- For music genres, the couple loved pop, 80's, American folk/indie rock, hip hop
- The couple wanted plenty of throwback classic tunes to make their parents and older family members happy
- The couple wanted the cocktail hour to be mostly about talking and catching up between family and friends. Thus, the music would be a background track. I chose softer music that was not necessarily sing-along or dance-to
- Since the guests would be eating during the dinner hour, we wanted a more pronounced soundtrack. I chose more recognizable songs and classics to hum or sing along with. Also I upped the tempo to build the excitement of the evening, but not enough to dance to yet
- For the spotlight dances, the couple wanted shortened versions of the songs to keep things moving
- Both being big Bengals fans, they wanted "Welcome to the Jungle" for the cake cutting
- The couple wanted to have a long dance party, with a few slow dances thrown in for breaks. Based on the schedule, I chose 2 "phases" for dancing an initial short phase for the older guests to join in, then an extended dancing phase for the younger crowd
- The couple wanted only one 1 line dance, mostly for bride's dad
- Bride wanted to do bouquet toss but no garter toss
- The couple gave me some specific "must-play" songs and a few "do-not-play" songs

6:30-7:15 Cocktail Hour Playlist (excerpt)	
"Make You Feel My Love" by Adele	"I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz
"The Way I Am" by Ingrid Michaelson	"I Choose You" by Sara Bareilles
"L-O-V-E" by Nat King Cole	"Loving You Easy" by Zac Brown Band
"This Town" by Niall Horan	
7:15-7:25 Wedding Party Introduction / Grand Entrance	
"Happy" by Pharrell Williams – for each wedding party couple	"Dancing in the Moonlight" by King Harvest – for couple's entrance
7:25-8:15 Dinner Hour Playlist (excerpt)	
"The Way You Look Tonight" by Frank Sinatra	"Brown Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison
"Thinking out Loud" by Ed Sheeran	"Higher Love" by Steve Winwood
"Brandy (You're a Fine Girl)" by Looking Glass	"FourFiveSeconds" by Rihanna, Kanye West, Paul McCartney
"Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen	"Something Just Like This" by The Chainsmokers
8:15-8:30 Spotlight Dances	
"Tennessee Whiskey" by Chris Stapleton – couple's first dance	"You've Got a Friend" by James Taylor – father daughter
"Never Alone" by Jim Brickman & Lady Antebellum – mother son	"Into the Mystic" by Van Morrison – everyone joins in
8:30-9:00 Dance "Phase 1" (excerpt)	
"Shout, parts 1 & 2" by the Isley Brothers	"Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees
"Footloose" by Kenny Loggins	"September" by Earth, Wind and Fire
"ABC" by The Jackson 5	"Love Shack" by The B-52's
"Dancing Queen" by ABBA	"Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson
9:00-9:15 Cake Cutting and Dessert	
"Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns N Roses	"Better Together" by Jack Johnson
"Upbeat Feelgood" by Foy Vance	"Nobody but Me" by Michael Buble
9:15-11:15 Dance "Phase 2" (excerpt)	
"Cupid Shuffle" by Cupid	"Singles Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" by Beyonce – bouquet toss
"Timber" by Pitbull and Ke\$ha	"This is How We Do It" by Montell Jordan
"Firework" by Katy Perry	"Your Love" by the Outfield
"I Wanna Dance with Somebody" by Whitney Houston	"Bye Bye" by *NSYNC
"24K Magic" by Bruno Mars	"Bounce Back" by Big Sean
"Thrift Shop by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, Wanz	"Wild for the Night" by A\$AP Rocky, Skrillex, ec.
"Turn Down for What" by DJ Snake, Lil Jon	"Thunder" by Imagine Dragons
"Despacito (remix)" by Luis Fonsi, Daddy Yankee, Justin Bieber	"Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi
"Pony" by Ginuwine	"Thunderstruck" by AC/DC
"All of Me" by John Legend – plus a few other slow songs mixed in	"A Sky Full of Stars" by Coldplay – for sparkler send off