



Your Wedding Planner

Wedding Planning

Wedding Planning Made Easy

Planning a wedding can be quite stressful, exciting and emotional especially for first time brides. The engagement phase is supposed to be exciting and often times brides and grooms receive loads of advice from friends and especially family members on what you need to do and don't need to do. Fortunately, if you hire a wedding planner they can assist you with where to begin. and also offer advice.

So where do you begin you may ask? I'll tell you. First and foremost you and your fiancé need to decide what type of wedding you want to have. The type of wedding will drive your budget. For example, you may have always dreamed of getting married on a secluded beach in Hawaii, or atop a mountain or maybe you just want an intimate gathering of your closest friends and immediate family. You may want a Friday evening wedding; a Saturday afternoon wedding; a full 4-course sit down dinner or maybe just a cocktail reception. All these types of questions need to be answered before you can begin planning your perfect day.

Once you decide on the type of wedding you'd like to have, it's time to think about how much money you can spend without putting yourself into debt! The average price of a wedding in the United States is \$26,800.00 (www.costofwedding.com). If you hire a wedding planner they can assist you with keeping in your budget as well as offer cost saving advice. Keep in mind that the number of people you invite to your big day will also drive the cost of your budget. A wedding for 40 guests is going to *run* significantly less than a wedding with 200 guests.

Once you decide the type of wedding you're going to have and the size of your budget, it's time to start having fun planning!! Your wedding planner can provide you with detailed planning timelines on when you should interview and secure vendors, shop for your wedding day attire and begin thinking about your honeymoon.

Please contact Always and Forever, LLC if you're interested in learning more about how a wedding planner can assist you during your

wedding planning process. We'd love to talk to you further about your wedding planning needs and alleviate your wedding planning stress.

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Wedding Tip - Emergency Numbers On Hand

Due to complex nature of planning such an event as a wedding reception situations and circumstances do occur that need immediate attention. But how do you rectify such problems? Do you know how to contact each of your wedding vendors ON your Wedding Day? Do you have an emergency contact number for EACH of your vendors - not just there weekday office voice mail numbers?

It's a great idea to get ALL your wedding related vendors to provide a phone number, so that you can contact them in the event of an emergency. Certain circumstances arise which are totally out of your control, but, if your able to contact the right vendor at the right time, a solution maybe found. After all this is just good business sense and great customer service.

It's suggested that you compile ALL your wedding vendors emergency numbers, put them on an index card, address book, Palm type device or cell phone address book. Give a list to your reception site, your Best Man and Maid/Matron of Honor. This way a mishap doesn't turn into a disaster.

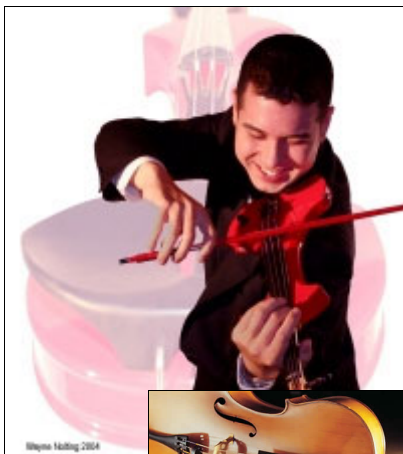


Musicians

Your Choice Of Musicians

The DJ Network can help guide your choice of musicians for your ceremony or cocktail hour.

We work with strolling violinists, trios and acoustic guitar players. You choose the style and we'll find the right musician for you. Please call or email us for more information on our available musicians.



Wedding Ceremony Musicians

Musicians:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Type:

Music Choices

Pre-ceremony (Interlude):

Mother(s) Seated:

Bridal Party:

Bride (Processional):

During Ceremony:

Bride/Groom (Recessional):

Setup Time:

Start/End Times:

Fee:

Your Disc Jockey

Custom Recordings

You've planned your event for many months to be perfect in every detail. A day filled with hugs, loving glances and softly spoken 'I do's'...the unforgettable passion of a first dance with the person of your dreams. Your DJ Network disc jockey can now create a custom mix song for your first dance. Using sound clips from your ceremony, toast or prerecorded in-studio - listen to what we can do for you. (Please see our CDROM or visit our website)

These are unique and customized recordings specially designed to make your wedding reception a memorable occasion. Ask your DJ Network disc jockey about this exciting upgrade today.

Setting The Tone

Who said that you have to play solely Kenny G or instrumental music during cocktails and dinner? How about playing Spanish guitar or acoustic modern rock tunes instead? We have had couples choose to play lots of cheesy 80's tunes or island style music. You can really set the mood of your wedding by avoiding the typical background elevator music that so many DJs tend to play. You can create a sophisticated atmosphere by opting for Diana Krall, Frank Sinatra or Michael Buble. Want to fit in some family favorites? You can request some Italian, Irish or other ethnic tunes. How about sing-along style music like Billy Joel, Elton John and Barry Manilow for a piano bar feel? Talk with your professional DJ and see what your options are for setting the tone of your wedding.

Dancing Between Courses

What exactly is dancing between courses? Although very typical at Jewish weddings and weddings in the Fairfield County, New York, and New Jersey area, it is not seen as much at a New England wedding. Who ever said that you have to wait until after desert to dance? With the help of your DJ, you can transition from your grand introduction into your first dance, and then invite your guests to come and join you for a 10-15 minute dance set. What a great way to kick the party off!

Between each course in your sit-down meal, your DJ can play a selection of classic slow tunes, Motown or other music genres to entice your guests to mingle, dance, and keep the energy flowing at your event. By doing this, you not only create a more festive mood at your wedding, you can gain between 25-50 minutes of dance time at your wedding. Talk to your professional DJ and ask about the possibility of dancing between courses at your wedding reception.

Grand Entrance

If you don't want to do formal introductions, but still want some sort of grand entrance, then what can you do? We have had several couples in the past that wanted to do something unique. This is what we've come up with as a solution: the GRAND MARCH. We won't introduce each member of the bridal party or your parents. We will simply find a song that you like, bring up the volume, and have all of you march in procession into the room.

Typically we will bring the wedding couple right out onto the dance floor and into your first dance after the GRAND MARCH. Other times, we will do a BUTLER STYLE TOAST and have the banquet staff hand out champagne glasses on serving trays (instead of placing them at table settings). All your guests will circle the dance floor with their champagne glasses in hand. We will introduce you into the center of the dance floor with all your family and friends close by. Then the best man comes forward for the toast, which flows right into your first dance, with family and friends still circling nearby at the edge of the dance floor. It is a very unique and personal feel to the introductions and toast. Ask your professional DJ about these options at your wedding reception.



The Music

A copy of this is available on the enclosed CD-ROM

Cocktail Hour (keep it upbeat and festive)

Style/Song/Artist Choice:

Suggestions

Classics— Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Michael Buble, Harry Connic Jr.

Italian Mix/Mob Hits—Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Mario Lanza, Louis Prima

Soft/Slow— Sade, Anita Baker, Norah Jones, Michael Buble, Michael McDonald, Etta James, Diana Krall

Piano Bar/Sing Along Style— Billy Joel, Elton John, Journey, Simon & Garfunkel, Foundations, Steve Miller

Spanish Guitar— Pepe Romero, Ottmar Liebert, Gypsy Kings, Armik, Estiban

Cheezy 80's— Bangles, Eurythmics, Madonna, Prince, Katrina & The Waves

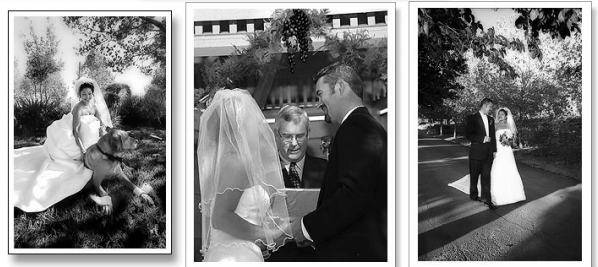
Island Theme—Bob Marley, UB40, Jimmy Buffett, Shaggy, Jack Johnson, Steel Drums

Style/Song Choices:

Dinner Time

(Bring the mood down or get everyone dancing)

Style/Song Choices:



The Music

Wedding Date:

Reception Location:

Address:

Name of Room:

Guest Arrival:

End of Reception:

Number of Guests:

Time/Location of Ceremony:

Cocktail Hour / Separate Room or Outdoors?

Style/Song Choices:

Dinner Time / Separate Room?

Introductions

First Dance (Before Dinner Y/N):

Blessing (Y/N):

Toast(s):

Dancing Between Courses (Y/N)? (Parent Dances/Cake Cutting?)

Number of Courses / Description:

Give Away Centerpieces (Y/N)?

(Description of Centerpiece)

Cake Cutting (Y/N)? Song:

(Posed For Photo Only/Cut Cake Only/Cut & Feed Cake)

Bride & Father Dance (Y/N)? Song:

Groom & Mother Dance (Y/N)? Song:

Bridal Party Dance (Y/N)? Song:

Invite all guests to join bridal party (Y/N)?

The Music

Introductions (Grandparents are normally acknowledged from their seats):

Bride's Grandparents:

Groom's Grandparents:

SONG CHOICE:

Bride's Parents:

Groom's Parents:

Ushers:

Jr. Bride's Maid & Jr. Groomsman:

Bride's Maid & Groomsman:

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Flower Girl(s)/Ringbearer(s):

Maid/Matron of Honor/Best Man:

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SONG CHOICE:

Bride & Groom:

Other Items:

Anniversary Dance?

Song:

Garter/Bouquet?

Toss Bouquet Only (Y/N) Present Bouquet (Y/N)

Special Instructions/Announcements/Family Traditions:

Last Dance:

The Music

Music That You **DO NOT** want to hear:

Top 10 Songs That You Do Want Played:

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Other Song Suggestions:

OK to take requests from your guests (Y/N):

Contact Information:

Banquet Facility (Name/Number/Email):

Caterer (Name/Number/Email):

Wedding Planner (Name/Number/Email):

Photographer (Name/Number/Email):

Videographer (Name/Number/Email):

Background Information:

Bride's Occupation:

Groom's Occupation:

Where Are You Going On Your Honeymoon:

Lighting Options

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Gone are the days of police beacons, strobe lights and flashing colored light bulbs. Currently there are many high tech options for lighting your wedding reception. Is your reception under a tent? The ceiling of the tent works wonderfully with theatrical style lighting, such as subtle color changes, flowing water patterns, or a custom gobo displaying images of constellations and a delicate blue tint onto the ceiling. Want more of a club feel? Enter the era of high-tech club style lighting, with fast moving, color changing lights, and lights that create spinning patterns all over the dance floor and walls. Or, do you simply want a shifting color wash on the walls or columns in your banquet facility? A professional DJ can create this type of soft atmosphere within your facility. Ask us about the possibilities in club style or color scheme lighting.

From simple theatrical color washing on the walls, a spotlight on the two of you as you take the dance floor, moving lights that change color and shape, creating a club style atmosphere, or putting your name in lights on the dance floor, we have the right lighting to create the perfect atmosphere for dancing at your wedding.

