



Choosing great music for your wedding reception

by DJ Kris Koch

“Will you marry me?”

Few questions are as simple and as complicated as this. And a simple “Yes,” will only lead to more questions. Before vows are exchanged, pledging forever love and respect, there’ll be questions about the color of the bridesmaid dresses, the honeymoon destination, the types of flowers in the bridal bouquet, the menu at the reception, and the music to be played.

When you imagine your first dance, what song is playing? Which songs do your parents want to hear? Aunts, uncles, friends and guests? And few moments are sweeter than when the flower girl and ring bearer take to the dance floor. A great mix will make everyone feel a part of your special day.

Tastes in music vary tremendously. It’s not uncommon for even the bride and groom to have significant differences in their favorite music. With seemingly limitless choices, how can you ever come close to finding a mix of music that will please everyone?

One way to pull the music together is to select songs that focus on the main themes of the day: love, honor, respect, memories, and fun. These themes have been featured in music from every generation and genre. A wide variety of music, centered on these themes, can make your wedding memorable for all your guests.

Is your marriage blending different nationalities? Are your tickets and passports packed for a far-away honeymoon? What better way to celebrate heritage and travels than by playing some international music at your reception?

A reception isn’t just a dance, and a wedding is only the beginning of a marriage. As years go by, anniversaries will turn today’s events to golden memories. Adding some hits from the past is a

fun and inspiring way to share the spotlight with guests celebrating anniversaries.

Just as there are some sure-fire tips to make a wedding reception enjoyable for a diverse crowd, there are also some things to avoid.

Some of today’s most popular music is highly controversial. Many people love the beats of hip hop and rock, and ignore the explicit lyrics. Many people are deeply offended. Don’t make the mistake of assuming that all your guests will like or overlook controversial music or leave early and miss it if it is played late in the evening.

I know this from experience—I’ve met many people in their 20’s, 30’s, and 40’s who aren’t shy about retelling stories of wedding receptions marred by offensive music. In some cases, they were shocked when profanity filled dance songs were played. In other cases, the DJ played “clean” versions with the obscenities removed although the sexually charged themes remained.

A simple rule of thumb can keep your guests remembering a great night instead of the intrusion of an offensive song: if you wouldn’t normally play a song for your parents, your boss, or children then it is best left off your wedding reception playlist.

Fortunately, there are plenty of artists whose work celebrates the best in life. The DJ’s of Num Num World Music strive to support these artists. As you begin your lives together, we hope to create memories filled with a unique mix of music that will forever remind you of your special day. Hopefully, we’ll even introduce you to a few new tunes to accompany a lifetime of joy and respect.



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