

Winspiration Studio Wedding Planning Basics

Details and Clarifications:

Wedding Ceremony:

The "ceremony" includes 20-25 minutes of performing various works as guests arrive and are seated. This also includes a song for: the entrance of the bridesmaids, the bride's processional, one song during the ceremony such as signing of the documents, the recessional, and up to two songs after the recessional.

Wedding Reception:

I tend to pull from my full list of songs during receptions. A vast majority of the songs I play use backing tracks featuring guitar or piano, to standard karaoke tracks, to actual backing tracks minus the original voice/instrument.

Dress Rehearsal: Generally unnecessary and discouraged.

Song Requests:

If you request a song in my set list, then the song request will be included in the price of the ceremony. If a song request is made that I do not have music for and I can find a backing track for, then I will create an arrangement of that song on violin to be premiered at the wedding for \$20. If you make a request for a song that I do not have and cannot find a backing track for, then I will let you know as soon as possible and work with you to find another song.

Travel:

Events located within 25 miles of my home or within the Des Moines metropolitan area^{1 2}

(whichever is farther) will not be charged for travel expenses. Any events 25 miles or farther from my home and outside of the Des Moines metropolitan area will charge for travel expenses at \$0.40 per mile³. For example, if the location is 50 miles from my home, that means there will 50

billable miles (25 each way) totaling \$20.

Payment Options:

Cash, check, money order, venmo, and paypal to be paid no earlier than one week before the ceremony and no later than the day of the ceremony.

Considerations for outdoor weddings:

Stringed instruments are very sensitive to weather, therefore various considerations need to be made depending on the various conditions.

Temperature:

¹In the Des Moines south side.

²Includes the city limits of: Des Moines, West Des Moines, Ankeny, Altoona, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Cumming,

Grimes, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Saylorville, Urbandale, Waukee, Windsor Heights. ³For example, if the location is 50 miles from my home, my total round trip travel will be 100 miles. 50 of those miles are beyond the 25 mile threshold from my home, meaning there are 50 billable miles totaling \$20.

The colder it gets, the slower my fingers will start to work. If the temperature is forecast to be below 50 degrees, I may ask for a mug of hot water to hold and keep my hands warm. If the wedding is on an unusually warm or humid day, I may ask for water if it is available.

Precipitation:

If rain or snow is forecast and there should be no contingency plan to move the wedding indoors if necessary, I will bring with me a 10X10 canopy tent that I may set up to keep myself, my instrument, and my equipment protected.

Wind:

I use old-school books and hard copies of songs. I have large clips that can hold music down just fine. Excessive wind though (usually over 25 mph) can be problematic. I may need to find an area near a building or plants that block some of the wind. Wind issues of this magnitude are quite rare, but still an issue to be aware of at times.

Sunshine:

It's a great day when there is beautiful sunny weather for a wedding. However, the sun dries out violin wood which can result in the instrument being difficult to play and in worst case instances cause edges and seems to open needing repair. When possible, I will try to set up in an area with shade. If there is no shade and I determine that shade is absolutely necessary, I may request to erect my 10X10 canopy tent.

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