

Bride & Groom

Tips and Suggestions on Hiring Professional Entertainment for your Wedding Reception

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Tips and Suggestions

Some handy advice
For your reception.

Choosing your Disc Jockey

Some helpful tips
to finding the
perfect entertainment
for your Wedding Reception.

What Are The Wedding Toasts?

Learn which toasts are
traditionally presented during
the wedding reception.



Should You Feed Your DJ? *The short answer is Yes. Why?*

The nature of your DJ's tasks requires an extended day and they can't leave their equipment or music unattended. They also can't shut it all down and take a dinner break without severely impacting the flow of your Wedding Reception.

Step into your DJ's shoes for a moment. How would you feel if you had to work non-stop for 14+ hours at a job that involves a lot of Physical labour without access to food?

In fact, when you look at what your DJ will do for you, you'll realize that they usually arrive early and have everything set up before you or your guests arrive and won't be leaving until they break it all down again at the end of the night. That's a

long time to work non-stop without some food to keep them energized!

- Your DJ should eat at the same time as your guests so they will be ready to perform.
- Food is fuel. Your DJ should be fed a generous, nutritious meal as "vendor" meals are often more like a snack, not enough to keep them going for another 6 or more hours.
- And don't forget about your other Vendors!

In summary, a DJ with a good meal will be much happier and will feel appreciated. An appreciative DJ will work harder to deliver above and beyond your expectations.

That's a "Win-Win" for everyone!



Tips and Suggestions

Tip #1 - AVLA

What does music played from a Computer, a burned CD or an MP3 Player have in common when it comes to playing music on your wedding day? They all need an AVLA music copyright license to use them legally in any venue available for rent to the public.

Your Disc Jockey either carries an AVLA license or uses AVLA licensed CDs / Hard Drive Systems that gives them legal permission to play music for you. Without this license in place, playing music from any of the above sources is illegal and subject to copyright prosecution.

To find out more, visit www.avla.ca

Tip #2 - Insurance

Protect your Wedding Day

One way to make sure you have peace of mind on your wedding day is to hire venues who have Comprehensive Commercial Liability Insurance. You never know when the unexpected will happen and it's prudent to be prepared.

What are the Wedding Toasts?

There are traditionally five (5) toasts and three (3) responses that are presented at the wedding reception. Some of these are, of course, optional. Toasting is most often carried out in the Speeches during the coffee & Dessert portion of the dinner.

1. ***Toast to the Bride*** - The first toast is ALWAYS to the Bride. This toast is usually delivered by a friend of the bride or of the Bride's family. This should be someone who has witnessed the bride through her life and is able to comment on her growth from a child to a woman. Frequently this is an aunt or uncle for example.
2. ***Toast to the Groom*** - This toast is traditionally delivered by the Best Man. Frequently this toast ends up being more of a "roast" than a toast but is one of the more popular toasts of the evening because of the stories about the Groom that this toast usually includes.
3. ***Toast to the Parents of the Bride*** - This toast is delivered by a member of the Bride's family and is meant to "honour" the parents of the bride at this Occasion. Frequently these days, this toast is delivered by the Bride herself.
4. ***RESPONSE by the Parents of the Bride*** - This "response" is to the above toast and is the opportunity for the Parent(s) of the bride to "welcome" everyone and give a little thank you speech. This is also where the parents "welcome" the Groom into the family.
5. ***Toast to the Parents of the Groom*** - Same as the Toast to the Parents of the Bride.
6. ***RESPONSE by the Parents of the Groom*** - Same as the Response by the Parents of the Bride.
7. ***Toast to the Bride & Groom*** - (as a couple) is basically the last toast of the celebration and is commonly presented by the Best Man and Maid of Honour Together.
8. ***RESPONSE by the Bride & Groom*** - Is traditionally the final speech of the evening. This is where the Bride & Groom thank everyone for attending, Particularly those guests who have traveled a great distance, thank their wedding attendants and present their comments to their guests.

You can add a number of additional toasts if you wish. These could include toasts to the Grandparents, etc.

Choosing your Disc Jockey

Unless you have seen a Disc Jockey at a function who has impressed you, finding the right DJ for your Wedding can be difficult. It's not always the "best price" that does the job properly. Being an intangible product, it's not like hiring a florist, cake maker, hall decorator or photographer. You can view the quality of their work in advance, and it will either be what you want or you can continue to look at other services.

What to look for in a DJ Service and some Tips & Advice

- Experience is the number one thing you are looking for In a DJ, not the company they work for.
- Does the DJ Service use professional equipment?
- Do they have back up equipment and staff in the event of problems or failure?
- Do they take music requests from your guests?
- Do they have strict policies for alcohol while on the job?
- Does the DJ Service provide you with a written agreement For their services?

