

Tips on Selecting Wedding Music

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Know Your Style.

Walking down the aisle to “Here Comes the Bride” may have been your parent’s choice, but perhaps it’s not for you. With the variety of song options, you’re sure to find the music that fits you and your fiancé’s story and personality. Our [WEBSITE](#) provides suggestions for the ceremony music. View [THEME AND STYLE IDEAS](#) to gain some wedding music inspiration! [WeddingWire.com](#) and [TheKnot.com](#) are a couple of resources we suggest, as they provide suggestions for each part of the ceremony and forums with discussion from other brides-or-grooms-to-be.

Good news! [Harris Academy of the Arts](#) believes in wedding music to match your wedding. While many ceremony musicians limit song options to their specific repertoire list, we provide some flexibility (six musical requests). Tell us what your vision is and we’ll do our best to make it happen. Call 402.423.7121 or email musicians@harrisacademyofthearts.com to schedule a FREE consultation with a special events consultant who can help you determine the best ensemble to fit your musical style.

Have a Plan.

Your wedding ceremony will be broken down into several manageable parts. Your job is to choose the music to accompany each smaller event within the whole. This is your chance to express the love and commitment that brought you to this moment, and all the fun you’ve had along the way!

The **Prelude** is the first part you’ll want to think about. It sets the tone for the wedding, which can be quiet and reserved or upbeat and joyful. Communicate with your music consultant about what mood you want for the prelude and they will be able to fill the time with the right music to create the ambiance you are hoping for.

The next part you’ll need to consider is the **Processional**, the entrance of the family, attendants, little ones and, most importantly, YOU! It can be broken down into separate pieces for each group’s entrance, or one piece can be played for everything. There is no right or wrong when choosing music for the processional. We’ve heard it all—from the traditional Bridal Chorus and trumpet fanfares, to romantic pieces like Hymne by Vangelic, to contemporary picks such as Radiohead arranged for piano.

Song(s) for the **Ceremony** is next on your list. These come at pivotal moments in the ceremony like during the unity ceremony or after a special reading...any meaningful part that you would like to punctuate with song.

Finally, you’ll need a piece for the **Recessional**. This is the presentation of you and your partner as a newly married couple. The music should fit the excitement of the moment while also matching your personality as a couple. We’ve seen the traditional here as well, but it’s also common for couples to pick the not-so-common. “[All You Need is Love](#)” by the Beatles and “Don’t Stop Believin’” by Journey are just a few examples.

Need Ideas? Not certain which direction to turn? We can help! We are happy to provide selection ideas based on the style of wedding music you are striving for on your special day. Contact us today: 402.423.7121 or musicians@harrisacademyofthearts.com

Would you like to receive a sample contract? Complete the [LET’S GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER](#) survey.

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