



RECEPTION FESTIVITIES

Cocktail/Dinner Music – While guests are arriving at the reception and later during dinner, we play festive background music of your choosing. If you have no special music selections for this timeframe, we usually play a mixture of standards, jazz and classical – artists such as Sinatra, Bennett, Buble, Martin, Cole, and Fitzgerald. As this time is also an opportunity for family and friends to visit, our music is relaxing and low-volume.

Wedding Party & Couple's Arrival – Typically, guests arrive at the reception while the wedding party is finishing with pictures. When the wedding party arrives, we announce the individuals that you specify in advance with any accompanying music that you've selected for your entrance. Arrivals and announcements can be done in conjunction with a receiving line as the wedding party and parents greet their guests.

Toasts – After dinner, the best man, followed by the maid of honor typically begin the toasts. Oftentimes, the parents of the bride and groom will speak as well. We give you the opportunity to have an "open" mic where anyone can share a word, or limit the toasts to just those that you've selected.

Cake Cutting – Usually following toasts, we direct the bride and groom and guests to the wedding cake. While playing accompanying music of your choice, we allow you time to cut the cake, pose for the photographer and have some fun.

First Dance – We announce the bride and groom once again and lead them to the dance floor. We start the first dance song once the bride and groom are ready. This song is one that is usually selected as a favorite of the couple or one that represents something special about their relationship. Occasionally, couples prefer to have this dance immediately after they arrive at the reception, following their introduction.

Parents Dances – These dances can be split into two, a father/daughter dance that goes first, and then a mother/son dance, or they can be combined into one. Some couples select the option of inviting guests to join in halfway through the dance.

Wedding Party Dance – This is where all members of the wedding party join the bride and groom for a special shared dance. Parents often join in here as well. This dance can be entirely for the wedding party, or it can be opened up part way through the song to include guests at various increments. This is often the intro into open dancing for the rest of the night.

Married Elimination Dance – With this dance, we invite all married couples to join the bride and groom to share a dance. At various increments into the song, we announce a length of time that couples have been married and peel them off accordingly until just a few couples remain. Often, the bride presents a bouquet to the couple that has been married the longest.

Bouquet And Garter Toss – Usually after guests have been dancing for a while, we will invite the bride and all of the single ladies to the dance floor for the bouquet toss, followed by the groom and the single men for the garter toss. We add ambiance to this festivity with the fun, lively theme music that you've selected in advance.

Last Dance – To close out the event, we invite the bride and groom to share a last dance with a song of their choosing before we give them a grand "send-off." The couple can dance alone or share the dance with guests.

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