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## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### *General Questions*

**What is the price range for a performance?**

Performance packages start at \$325, and are dependent on the ensemble that you choose. Please contact me for more pricing information.

**Do you require a deposit?**

Usually I request 50% of your total to be returned with the signed contract.

**Do you perform for outdoor events?**

Yes! However, string instruments are extremely sensitive to weather conditions. It is for this reason that we cannot play in temperatures below 60°F, and that we also require protection from direct sunlight and rain.

**Are there any other details that you require?**

Each musician will need an armless chair, and enough room so that we will not be struggling to play without bumping into one of your guests. Although food is not required at cocktail hours, it is greatly appreciated!

**Do you have liability insurance?**

No, however most venues are okay with this because we are not bringing in a large amount of equipment.

**Do you perform for same-sex weddings?**

Absolutely! We play for all weddings!

**What is the attire of the performers?**

All of the women will be wearing dressy black clothes, while all of the men will be dressed in black suits. If you would prefer tuxedo attire, that can also be arranged.

# Choosing an Ensemble

If you are having trouble choosing an ensemble, here are some tips for the different ensembles you can decide upon.

## What size ensemble should I pick?

If you are looking for a very intimate wedding, a solo performance can be a very nice touch. Usually I will include standard wedding repertoire, as well as selections from Bach's Suites for Unaccompanied Violoncello. These pieces are meant to be played without any other instruments and are beautiful for a ceremony or for cocktail hour. One thing to be aware of is that when you pick a solo performance, many of the pieces will be much more simple because I am only able to play the melodies of the pieces. Without the other instruments, it limits how involved the music can be.

Along the same lines, the more instruments you add, the more involved the music can become. With a duo, you will have the bass line and the melody. This can be a great choice for someone trying to keep things small and intimate, but who wants the music to have a little more movement to it. After a duo, each part that you add to an ensemble will contribute to the music with a harmony or accompaniment part that can make the music sound much more full. Think of it as a conversation; the more participants you have, the more perspectives there are to add to the discussion!

## What instruments should I include?

Now that you've chosen the size of your ensemble, how do you know what instruments to pick? If you are deciding between a string ensemble versus one that includes flute there are a few distinguishing qualities. When you choose a string ensemble, the sound is more classical and more unified. A violin, viola, and cello have the same timbre or type of sound, but they are spread out across the different registers (high, medium, and low). They can sound like a cohesive unit when grouped together and can sound particularly beautiful on classical tunes and waltzes.

On the other hand, when you mix flute with string instruments it gives it a very light and airy sound. This makes the melody pop out of the texture a little bit more, and can lend itself to more popular music. The flute is a wonderful addition for anyone looking for a unique performance for their wedding.

## How can I listen to the different types of ensembles?

Descriptions help to listen with open ears, but actually hearing the different groups is the best way to figure out what ensemble is for you. Here is a list of the music you are hearing on this website to help with your decision. They are being performed by Lisa Casal-Galietta, violin; Gregory K. Williams, viola,; Anthea Kechley, flute; and Jennifer Girone-Virgilio, cello.

### String Duo (Violin and Cello):

You and You by Johann Strauss, Jr.

### Flute Duo (Flute and Cello):

Canon by Pachelbel

Trumpet Voluntary by Clarke

### String Trio (Violin, Viola, and Cello):

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik- Allegro by Mozart

Wedding March by Mendelssohn

Spanish Eyes by Engleburt Humperdinck

Skater's Waltz by Waldteufel

### Flute Trio (Flute, Violin, and Cello):

Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles

## *Music Selection*

Now that you've decided upon the type of ensemble you would like to have perform at your wedding, here are some details about the process of selecting music that will be special and unique for you.

### **I have no idea where to start in terms of choosing music! Can you help?**

Every bride and groom receives a list of music that I own for the ensemble that they decide upon to help with this process. In addition, I will also send along a list of commonly chosen selections; included with each piece is a link to an audio clip to make this process as painless as possible!

### **I would like non-traditional music selections for my wedding. Do you have anything that would fit what I am looking for?**

Yes! I have many popular selections that are appropriate for both wedding ceremonies and cocktail hours. I am also trying to add new arrangements to my library as often as I can, in order to keep it fresh and to widen its scope.

### **There is a specific song that I would really love to be performed on my wedding day, and it is not on the list of pieces that you own. Is there any way for you to locate the music?**

My goal is to make your wedding day as special as I can. If I can find sheet music for the piece you have requested, I would be happy to perform it for you at no additional cost. However, if I cannot find music that will work for the ensemble that you have chosen, don't worry! I can also make an arrangement for you for an additional fee. Pieces that I have arranged in the past have included Tiny Dancer by Elton John and Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles.

### **I want my wedding to be unlike any other. Are there any details that you can provide to give it that something special?**

For that added element of uniqueness, I have an optional upgrade that will allow a resident composer to write a piece of music specifically for you to walk down the aisle to. We will have you fill out a questionnaire to determine what kind of a mood you are looking to achieve, in order to try to create the perfect music for you!