

WHAT ABOUT MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING?

Your wedding is the most special event you've had in your life, and you're probably searching everywhere for something that will give your wedding a special touch.... something elegant, but unique. Have you considered using a **hammer dulcimer** to provide music for your wedding,? Music for the ceremony or reception or both? Its suitable for almost any musical style ... folk, Celtic, Classical, Hymns, or lively dance music at the reception. The hammer dulcimer sounds great solo or with other acoustic instruments.



In case you don't know anything about a hammer dulcimer, there are [sound clips you can click on in my repertoire list](#) that will give you an idea how it sounds. Its elegant like a harp, and very versatile like a violin. Its wonderful for slow, lyrical music, and is



very exciting when it plays fast, lively dance music. Its a very ancient instrument and has been used for ceremonial and elegant music in the courts of kings, and for religious and social gatherings through the centuries.

Where Will You Have Music in the Ceremony?

Pre-wedding music: Fifteen to thirty minutes of varied music as your guests arrive.

Special Guests: Special music for the seating of guests of honor, especially the mothers and grandmothers.
Entry music: Special music to set the pace for the bride and her attendants to process to the altar. A single tune can provide music for both bride and attendants. Sometimes...when there is a long aisle or many attendants, you might choose one piece for the attendants, and other music for the Bridal Entry.

Prayer, Communion, Unity Candle, or Other You can feature a meaningful piece at several significant spots during the ceremony. Sometimes guests are invited to sing hymns or other songs, and there are several other spots where you will want to have a special piece playing while you light the unity candle or take Communion.

Exit Music (Recessional): Lively, triumphant music as the wedding party leaves the altar. Like processionals, sometimes one tune is sufficient, and other times there might be two or three pieces.

Post-Service music: A variety of music as your guests are leaving.

Choosing the music: Just a quick list of some of the very most popular music for weddings: Have you always wanted to walk down the aisle to... Pachelbel's "Canon in D?" Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring?" Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary?"
Do you have favorite pieces you would like to hear in the prelude or postlude?



Do you want mostly Celtic or mostly classical music? Do you want Worship music that makes a strong Religious statement? Please visit my Repertoire page for ideas. (If you would like for me to learn something not on my list, that's very special to you, you'll need to provide sheet music and/or a recording. Depending on the difficulty of the piece(s), an additional fee may be charged.)

Reception Music

This can be as simple as continuous background music as people talk and nibble hors-d'oeuvres. Some brides have me play background music while the guests arrive, and wait for the arrival of the wedding party. Some want background music during dinner, after which they bring in a DJ or dance band. Special music (maybe a tune that's special to you as a couple) during the cake-cutting adds a special touch...or for the garter-throw or bouquet toss, or other special parts of the reception. You may have favorites you'd like to hear anytime during the background music. My Repertoire page lists examples of the kind of music I play, along with some soundclips.



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