

Welcome!



Tallahassee Association
of Wedding Professionals

2011 TAWP Bridal Expo

CHOOSING THE RIGHT WEDDING ENTERTAINMENT



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Great Weddings!!!!



Has anyone ever been to a great wedding reception?

If so, what made it so great?

Band, DJ, or Other Entertainment?



Determining the right entertainment for you, your budget, and guests for **YOUR wedding!**

How to Do This?

-Interview Bands/DJs (2-4 recommended)

-Interview Questions to Ask –(10 most important questions)

1) Will I be required to execute a contract for your services?

2) What is your experience with Weddings?

3) Have you worked at the venue I have chosen before?

4) Will you offer me a play list/no play list that I can fill out?

5) Can you provide me with a couple of referrals of weddings that you have done in the past? (testimonials from past brides, action pictures, video clips)

Band, DJ, or Other Entertainment?



6) Who will be my actual Entertainer/DJ on the day of my wedding?
Will it be you?

7) Are there any additional fees that I would incur? (overtime, travel, etc)

8) What type of dress attire will you be wearing at the wedding?
(tuxedo, suit, etc)

9) Do you have a wedding flow of events schedule that you follow?

10) What is your rate (This should be asked towards the end of the interview, once you feel comfortable with him/her)

Outside or Inside Ceremony/Reception



Are you considering an outdoor ceremony/reception?

Choosing Your Special Music....



Traditional Ceremonial Music Versus Non-Traditional (Examples)

- Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach (Seating of Mothers)
- Canon in D, Pachelbel (Bridesmaids/ and or Groomsman)
- Wedding March (Wagner) -Processional
- Wedding March (Mendelssohn) - Recessional



Non-Traditional (Examples)

- Mama's Song, Carrie Underwood (Seating of Mothers)
- Friends, Michael W Smith (Bridal Party)
- Bittersweet Symphony, instrumental version -Processional
- When you say nothing, Alison Krauss –Processional
- Beautiful Day, U2-Recessional

Time of the Reception



How many of you are planning afternoon weddings?

How many of you are planning evening weddings?

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Songs for your Reception

- Introduction/Entrance (Upbeat)
These can vary- just have FUN with it!
(Examples- “I got a feeling”, “Thunder”, “Walk this Way”)
- First Dance Songs
(Examples- “All my life”, “Marry Me”, “At Last ”)
- Father/Daughter Dance Songs
(Examples- “Butterfly Kisses”, “Stealing Cinderella”)
- Mother/Son Dance Songs
(Examples- “Hero”, “A Song for Mama” “All to You”)

A great site for additional recommendations is www.weddingwire.com

Examples of Special Events for the Reception



- Line Dances
- Toasts (Given by whoever you deem appropriate)
- Cutting of the Cake
- Married Couples Dance (Great way to incorporate your guests into the reception)
- Dollar Wine Dance
- Bouquet Event for the Little Girls
- Bouquet Toss
- Garter Event
- Friendship Circle
- The Exit



Recommendations!!!!

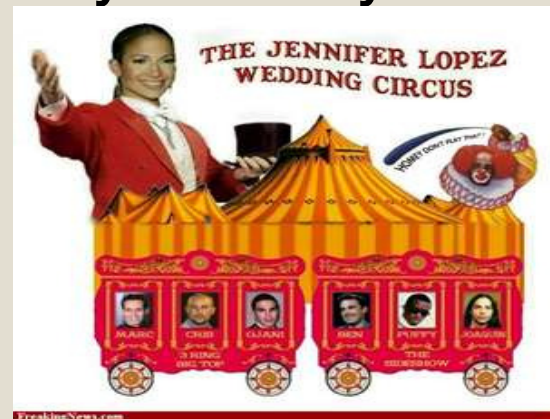


- Book your Wedding Entertainer **as soon as possible**. High demand Entertainers can book up to a year out.
- It's **YOUR** day, so remember whoever you hire needs to remember that!
- Trust other vendors recommendations, but ultimately you need to make the decision on who to hire.

Things to Watch For...



- Low/Cheap Rates (You pay for what you get).
- Displaying Company Signs during your Wedding (It's your day and they should be focusing on your event, not trying to book their next one).
- Not Providing a Contract for their services.
- Responsiveness (How quick do they return your phone calls/e-mails, etc).



TAWP Entertainment Members



- **North Florida Express DJs (DJ Perry Dollinger)**
850-567-8734
nfedjs@gmail.com
- **Pro Dj's (DJ Randy Rust)**
850-893-3535
randallrust@embarqmail.com
- **Steve's Party Mix (DJ Steve Christian)**
(850) 273-0518
StevePartyMix@gmail.com
- **The Bushmen (Band)**
(850) 668-0817
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Any Questions?



Enjoy the Bridal Expo!

Remember- Make Booking your
Wedding Entertainment a Priority!

<http://www.tawp.org/>



Thank you for attending!



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