



SONG LIST TIPS

Thank you for choosing Men In Black to perform at your wedding. We are all going to have a GREAT time!

Here are a few helpful tips concerning the selection of music for your event.

If you wish, as your wedding draws closer, you may download our current song list from our web-site www.meninblack-band.com. We welcome you to provide us with a list containing a handful of "please play" tunes from our repertoire. If you have a few favorites that you consider to be "must haves" from our list that you feel you definitely want to have performed, let us know that as well & we will make every possible effort to incorporate those special songs into the evening at just the right time! This is not required, however many clients prefer to do this as a means of informing us of your general tastes in music & what you think your audience will enjoy! If you wish to pass on this option, rest assured, the band and I will be reading your crowd as the performance goes along & making the best choices for each particular moment of your reception. I feel it is of the greatest importance to select the "right song at the right time".

Our philosophy is that no two weddings are ever the same, so we are careful not to just duplicate what we do from one function to the next. With more than 15 years experience as a bandleader I can instantly recognize the specific needs of each event & I remain sensitive to the unique "vibe" of every audience. Based on our conversation in the final week before your big day, I will have a general sense of the music for your wedding & a certain number of songs in mind, however I never proceed to the bandstand with an exact, preconceived, iron-clad list of songs to play because I believe the band must remain watchful of each moment & have the flexibility to change in an instant in response to what you & your guests are enjoying at that time! Therefore I always call the just the right tunes as the evening unfolds to ensure that your reception develops it's own natural rhythm as well as an exciting & appropriate pace that keeps every one of your guests on the dance floor all night long. What we do is start the energy going right from the introductions & build that energy as the evening progresses, so by the end everyone is tired & sweaty from dancing non-stop!!!

Last but not least, we work very hard on arrangements, orchestration & rehearsals of our songs to best showcase our sound, versatility, stage presentation & most of all crowd appeal. We prefer to draw from the bulk of those selections so that we may present our songs with the highest possible standards. If there is a song you are interested in but don't see on the list, then just give me a call or a quick email and I will let you know if we happen to know it already or if it would be a song that we would be willing to learn especially for you. Remember, we are happy to learn one song per couple as long as you give us plenty of notice (i.e. at least three months in advance of the wedding) & provide us with the necessary materials to assist us in learning your song!

I hope you find this helpful with your planning. Feel free to contact me anytime with further questions you may have and we are looking forward to your big day!

Warm regards,
Ralph Vertullo

