



# { *MUSIC WORKSHEET:* The Soundtrack To Your Wedding Day }

Just like a movie, your life features a unique storyline, a supporting cast of family and friends, pivotal milestones, and you and your fiancé –the stars of the show. As lead characters, you have the special privilege of designing a soundtrack to your wedding that can be a stunning, one-of-a-kind reflection of you.

Following you will find an outline of various opportunities throughout your Big Day, both traditional and more contemporary, to consider featuring music. The right songs can transform your wedding into a moving, memorable, and even magical experience for everyone there.

## **Ceremony**

Prelude: The music played while your guests are being seated. Whether classical, gospel, or anything in between, these songs set the tone for your whole event. Typically, you would choose five or six songs, time allowing.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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Processional: The music played as the officiant, wedding party, and important guests are seated. Depending on the number of people walking down the aisle, you can choose one or a few songs. To truly personalize the event, select songs with special significance to you and those entering.

## Officiant's Entrance

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## Groom's Entrance

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## Grandparent/Special Guest Entrance

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## Groomsmen Entrance

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## Bridesmaids Entrance

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## Flowergirl/Ring Bearer Entrance

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_



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**Bride’s Entrance:** While this is sometimes considered part of the processional, the bride’s walk down the aisle is truly an event in itself. This moment can be breathtaking and unforgettable, so the song selected must be given extra consideration.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Interlude:** The music featured during the service itself. Depending on your tradition and preferences, this may include songs played during the unity candle lighting, an important prayer under the Chuppah (wedding canopy), or during devotional readings.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Recessional:** Played as the bride, groom, and wedding party exit. This is an opportunity to conclude your traditional service with more classical music or continue your event’s contemporary flair with a more uptempo, celebratory song.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## **Cocktail Hour**

As guests are mingling and awaiting your reception, choose some music to set the tone during this transition.

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## **Reception**

Introductions: Played as the bride and groom are welcomed into the reception.

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First Dance: Played as the bride and groom dance together for the first time as husband and wife. This is a very touching moment, with the music featured here often considered “our song” through the years. Another opportunity to choose a personally poignant song and create a lasting memory.

Song\_\_\_\_\_ By\_\_\_\_\_

Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances: Often performed simultaneously, this is a unique moment for you both to share with their parents.

Song\_\_\_\_\_ By\_\_\_\_\_

Bridal Party/Guest Dance: Played while inviting specific people or all of your guests to join you on the dance floor.

Song\_\_\_\_\_ By\_\_\_\_\_

Cake-Cutting: Played as the bride and groom cut their wedding cake and feed each other their first bites.

Song\_\_\_\_\_ By\_\_\_\_\_



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**Festive Moments:** If you choose to have a bouquet toss or garter toss, this is a fun spot to feature music.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious/Group Dances:** Many cultures and religions have wonderful traditions of dancing to specific songs in celebration of this momentous occasion. Whether the Horah or another custom, these dances can add energy and excitement to your event and give guests a rare glimpse into your traditions.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Dance:** Before you say goodnight, play a song that will get everyone out onto the dance floor.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## **Additional Moments to Consider**

**Getting Ready:** Nothing puts you in a good mood better than great music. As you spend the day getting ready with your bridesmaids and your fiancé prepares with his groomsmen, consider coming prepared with a special playlist on each of your iPods. You each can choose songs that mean the most to you and your dearest friends, whether timeless hits to reminisce with or today's dance music to get you energized.

**Slideshow/Video:** If you are planning on presenting a video at your reception, be sure to feature songs that have special significance to you and your spouse-to-be.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_



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**Do Not Play:** Just as important as the songs you do feature are those that are not included. If you are adamant that certain music not be played during your ceremony or reception, be sure to let your musicians and/or DJ know.

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Song \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

**Party Favors:** To make your wedding unforgettable, consider giving guests a copy of “your song”, whether on a professionally designed CD, uploaded on an MP3 player, or redeemable later on a personalized digital download card.

Take this opportunity to create an extraordinary soundtrack custom-made for your Big Day. The music you choose will make your wedding more meaningful and memorable than you and your guests ever dared to dream.

***Happy planning!***

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