

Music for your Wedding

Help with celebrating the various stages of your
Wedding Day

Advice from Cornwall Wedding Pianist and Café Style Accordionist
Alex Govier

A photograph of a man with glasses and a patterned shirt sitting on a stool at a piano. The room has large windows with white frames. The entire image has a purple tint.

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Choosing Your Music For The Four Parts of Your Wedding Day



Part One The Wedding Itself

Music for the Ceremony



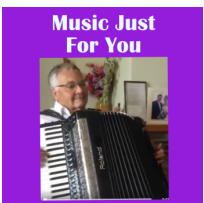
HOTEL OR VENUE SUPPLIED BACKGROUND MUSIC
(Professional choice if you have no strong personal wishes)

YOUR OWN CDs - on your equipment or that belonging to the venue)



YOUR WEDDING MUSICIAN – Most likely a Pianist using either the hotel piano or bringing their own if not available. Sometimes the hotel may recommend their usual player but this is optional.

OTHER INSTRUMENTS - Possibly string quartet, harp and many other instruments. Your choice according to the mood you want.

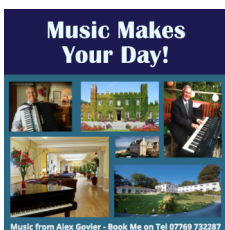


My accordion is probably best reserved for later in the proceedings although I once led the guests with accordion from the church to the nearby reception where I played my digital piano.

Choosing Music For the Ceremony



If you prefer to leave some or all of these choices to your hotel or musician that is fine.



Give advance notice of any song requests to your musician if you hire one, particularly modern ones which may not already be in his repertoire. He may need to both buy and practice the music.

The Bride's Arrival Music



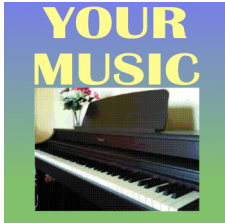
You need a slow melody suitable for a step by step walk down the aisle until she reaches the front of the room which will not take long



The traditional bridal march, even though it is used in church, is fine. It is not religious in character but comes from a Wagner opera. Even this will have to be cut off sharpish

Another popular choice the Pachelbel Canon in D is of a nice piece to walk to, but very slow in getting interesting. Some brides try to solve this problem by walking family members in separately first while it is playing

THE CHOICE OF MUSIC IS YOURS (OR LEAVE IT TO YOUR PIANIST IF YOU PREFER)



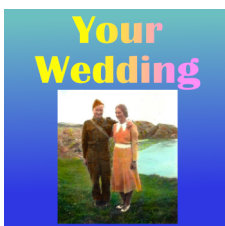
In a civil ceremony there is no music allowed of a religious nature, so the selection of hymns from Ancient and Modern is definitely out!

Otherwise the choice is entirely up to you and your musicians.

I once played *Is This Love* by Bob Marley at the request of the bride and groom (on Roland accordion). It went well

Optional Family Performances Can Be included before the Vows

It is your wedding, so is mainly just limited by the time allocated. Other features can be included!



There can be readings, poems or musical performances by a family member or friend. If someone else would be playing the pianist's prized instrument you must of course obtain his or her agreement first.

I once played piano for a bride to sing "It had to be You" to her groom though that was later, at the wedding meal. It went well

Rehearsal beforehand is advisable.

The Signing of the Register



While you are signing your photographer will be taking photos (this can take a while) .



This is a good time to have a favourite song played, when the bride and groom are there to hear their request.

Most pianists (or your hotel) will, alternatively, have a repertoire of suitable popular romantic themed tunes.

If you do want a good exposition of the aforementioned Pachelbel Canon you could choose to hear it now.

The Wedding Procession Out of the Ceremony



Absolutely Any Musical Accompaniment for this is fine, hopefully fairly lively and celebratory in Nature.



You can choose anything you like for this, except something religious in a civil ceremony but this is not as limiting as you might think.

The traditional Mendelsohnn Wedding March is also totally acceptable in a civil ceremony, but of course by no means obligatory

It is the wedding march from his music for A Midsummer Night's Dream and is not religious.

Contacting Me



Alex Govier, a professional musician for almost 50 years is also a very experienced wedding pianist and accordionist and the author of this article. He is available for your wedding or other special events at surprisingly reasonable rates in Cornwall.

Alex is especially affordable in central Cornwall, as he is based in Falmouth, and for midweek bookings.



He prides himself on presenting an amazing luxury feel to any occasion with a unique warm yet sparkling playing style on piano or a very special accordion sound (either Roland or acoustic)

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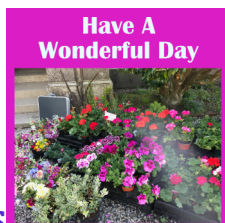
Now read on for more info on your wedding day music

The Drinks Reception



This part of the day covers the gap between the wedding and the wedding breakfast. The happy couple and close family guests etc may be called away for official photos for some of this time.

You may like to have piano music during this time, or the wedding breakfast, or both.



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There are no particular official announcements usually, until hotel staff call you through to the wedding breakfast.

Often estimated to take about an hour, it will often be at least 90 minutes

The Wedding Breakfast



This is a major part of your wedding day for which live music will very much add to the luxury feel of your occasion.

Usually continuous music interrupted only by the cutting of the cake with lots of photos taken and the speeches at the end.



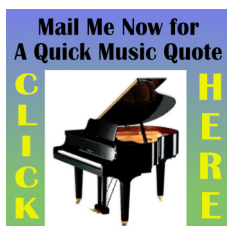
The speeches are customarily made by the bride's father, the bridegroom and the best man.

The Evening Reception



A good time for a band of your favourite type, rock and roll, pops, swing, jazz, country, celidh, or whatever your style is.

I have however played for quiet hotel evenings continuing from the afternoon where guests were able to wander around and talk to me with their particular musical requests.



That was good too! Like most of your wedding arrangements it is YOUR choice and what YOU want that matters!

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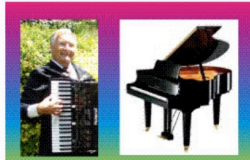
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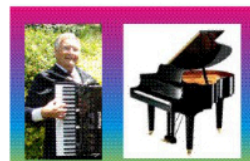
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