

THE DJ AND YOUR FUNCTION

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DJ'ing started out as a weekend job providing a little extra income and a whole lot of enjoyment for **Barry de Vaal**, owner of Soundworx Entertainment. That was ten years ago, but the love of music and entertaining soon became a career. Today, Soundworx is a full time business whose goals are to provide excellence and perfection.

The setting, the décor and the flowers will determine the atmosphere of your function. None of this can come to life without people. Your guests will want to celebrate your wedding and much of this will depend on the music at your function.

You have completed a short list of the companies that you are considering. They all seem to have state of the art equipment, all your favourite songs and you are at a loss as to who to choose.

What makes weddings so different to any other function is the fact that they are extremely relational. You will find that you connect emotionally with not only the venue, but all the people involved. This is even more relevant when it comes to the DJ and you must meet with them. After all, anybody can play a list of your favourite songs, but will they understand you and your guests well enough to choose music that perfectly fits the mood of the moment. By the time the dancing starts, your DJ is fully in charge of the function. His timing needs to be spot on. The gifted DJ instinctively knows the best time to change the pace, the ideal moment to have the cake cut and the garter thrown and the music which best fits the celebration.

Apart from the obvious aspects such as their membership of the South African Disc Jockey Association, their professionalism in terms of their conduct, their equipment and their staff. Your interview with a prospective DJ and the advice given will give you a good feel as to whether this is the right company to do your wedding. Follow your instinct.