

Live or Disco

Music for your function - By Gary Sletcher



Gary Sletcher is South Africa's premier wedding and corporate specialist. Let him lead you down the aisle in style.

Planning a wedding can be quite overwhelming considering the time and effort, not to mention the cost involved. You want to be quite sure that the people offering you a service are professionals who will do everything possible to make your day unique and special. With all the planning and organisation that goes into a wedding, it is a great relief to know that there are a variety of specialists with a good track record in each category.

It is important to go with people who are dedicated wedding experts. Try to avoid having a family member do the music for your wedding – because you can't sue your brother in law ...

Music is an integral part of your wedding celebration, from the time the guests arrive until the bridal couple leaves. A question often asked about the music is, "do we go with live music or a disco?"

Your wedding should be a day for you as a couple to make your personal taste count. The ceremony is a good time to have live music from the time the guests arrive until the bridal couple leave for photos. You could go with a harpist, string trio or Quartet, sax or a sax with string instruments, vocalist to sing a dedication song. The combinations are endless. A saxophonist can lead the bride down the aisle while playing a traditional wedding march or something more modern.

Music during the photo session will keep the guests entertained while they enjoy a cocktail. Another good idea is to have live music during the dinner, this way the bride and groom get a chance to hear the band or solo artist as well. It can create a great ambience and warmth that a CD doesn't quite cut. After dessert, you will probably want to have your first dance. This is a good time for the band to leave, the disco to take over, and to get the party started, encouraging a good balance of live music and disco. This should keep everyone happy, no matter how young or old they are, and your wedding will be the talking point for years to come.

Live music, if provided by a wedding specialist, is most definitely affordable. Most musicians in the industry are flexible and are able to offer something that could fit your budget. This is where different combinations would make a difference to the cost involved.

The combination of live music and a disco work well together, if you choose to have live music throughout the dinner, the musician(s) could use the DJ's sound equipment. This would cut costs and there would be minimum disruption when it's time for them to leave.

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