



The magic of the

String Ensemble

Music for your function - By Gary Sletcher

David Tombak needs no introduction. He trained in Russia, studying Violin, Musicology and Composition, and was a member of the National Orchestra. In 1972, he was invited for a four-month contract to join the South African National Symphony Orchestra, and was asked to stay indefinitely. Madrigal Ensemble has been playing at weddings for 20 years and have a repertoire of more than 400 pieces.

After the bride and groom choose an ensemble to play on their wedding, they should arrange a meeting to compile musical scenarios for the event. Music choices need to be discussed in advance.

The wedding and the ensemble are an age-old tradition, but don't feel tied by tradition. It is more important that you enjoy the music and incorporate it into the festivities of the occasion.

There is no doubt that Madrigal Ensemble will give your function that special flair.

The string trio of two violins and a cello owes its origins to the fiddle, which in its day must have been the "disco" of its time as one thinks of gypsies of Western and Eastern Europe, dancing the night away.

to enhance the atmosphere. In fact, the instruments still produce the same quality of natural sound as they did 300 years ago, making them suitable for functions of 20 to 200 guests.

Josef Hayden pioneered the string quartet of two violins, viola and cello, with entertaining music written for the nobles in Austria. Classical, romantic Viennese ballroom music, American, Jazz, Ragtime and Gypsy-Hungarian were added to the repertoire. It is no wonder that the string quartet has become synonymous with the joy and romance of weddings. Whether prince or pauper, it is no wonder that the string ensemble is still one of the best ways

What most people do not realise is just how flexible the string ensemble can be. Many options exist, even a strolling duo of violin and accordion. As the string ensemble is so flexible and easy to move, it can be used to welcome the guests, as processional music, during the signing of the register, when entertaining the guests at cocktails, the bridal couple's entrance, and the first dance. In fact, there are as many musical scenarios as there are brides.

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