

Ceremony

DJ BLUEPRINT

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Hello Couples,

My name is Dylan J. Feszko, the owner of Milkyway Music Enterprise LLC. I started out as a Wedding DJ when I was 16 years old, well before I could grow a beard. Many assumed that I didn't have the music knowledge that could compete with the seasoned pros. That's why I developed this blueprint to educate and inform my couples as they plan their ceremony. The blueprint will provide you with lists of music suggestions and talk about the cues of a ceremony that are important for your DJ to know about to ensure you have a smooth and successful ceremony.

After almost a decade, I've developed and perfected systems that elevate every aspect of the wedding ceremony - from the first note to the final kiss. I'm here to walk you through everything you need to know when preparing your DJ for your timeline and music, so that your day runs flawlessly.

Every playlist and song I suggest is proven to work beautifully when mixed correctly. You'll also find sample music sets based on different wedding vibes. Use these as a starting point to help tell your own story.

Ceremony Flow:

1. Prelude - Guests arrive and are seated 20-30 minutes before the ceremony starts.

DJ Needs From Couple:

- Preferred music style or playlist (e.g., instrumental, soul, acoustic)
- Songs or artists to avoid

2. Processional - Entrance of groom, wedding party, and the bride.

DJ Needs From Couple:

- Song selections for each group
- Cue signals for each entrance
- Preferred song start points (intro, chorus, etc.)

3. Officiant/Interlude - Officiant will be speaking on the mic. Sometimes there is a pause for spiritual blessings or couple's poems. Music is optional and likely performed by your DJ or by live musicians.

DJ Needs From Couple:

- Mic type for officiant (Wireless Lav or Wireless Handheld on stand)
- Scheduled soundcheck times with speakers...

4. Couple exchanges vows.

DJ Needs From Couple:

- Mic type for couple (Wireless Lav or Wireless Handheld on stand)
- Will one mic be shared or is two required for couple and officiant

5. The couple shares their first kiss.

DJ Needs From Couple:

- Know if a dramatic music cue or swell is requested

6. Recessional - The couple and wedding party exit.

DJ Needs From Couple:

- High-energy song selection
- Cue signal from officiant or planner

Ceremony Prelude

A friendly reminder the ceremony prelude is the period when guests arrive and begin to take their seats 20 to 30 minutes before the official start of the ceremony. It sets the first impression and atmosphere, so even though the couple may not be present to hear every song, it still plays a huge role in the overall vibe.

Most couples choose classical or modern piano and string instrumentals during this time. These styles work beautifully in the background and are perfect for creating a soft, welcoming environment. Plus — there's an instrumental version of literally every song out there, so the sky's the limit!

We can tailor your prelude to match your wedding theme. For example — if you both love Disney, we can build an entire Disney-themed prelude set. Whether it's timeless classics or modern hits, themed preludes are a great way to express your story and create a subtle, emotional connection with your guests.

Instrumentals

Since there's an instrumental version of literally every song, I listed my favorite artists below for you to check out.

best of the best

Instrumental Cover Artists

Vitamin String Quartet

Piano Guys

Brooklyn Duo

Midnite String Quartet

Daniel Jang

2Cellos

Lindsey Stirling



Non-Instrumentals

For couples who want to kick off their wedding with energy and personality, this one's for you.

The ceremony prelude doesn't have to be all strings and piano — it's actually the perfect place to drop some tracks that rarely get their time to shine. These songs set the tone for the evening and can completely shift the atmosphere before the first guest even stands up.

Imagine this: guests walk in, start grooving, maybe even belting out lyrics during your prelude set. I've seen it happen!

I've got you covered with two curated playlists:

- Timeless Classics – Soulful, funky, and fun
- Modern Vibes – Cool, laid-back, and fresh

These playlists are designed not to overlap with your first dance, parent dances, or late-night hits. So you won't "burn" any key songs you'll need later!

PRELUDE CLASSICS

Timeless, Soulful, Iconic

1. This Magic Moment – The Drifters
2. When A Man Loves A Woman – Percy Sledge
3. I Want To Know What Love Is – Foreigner
4. I Just Called To Say I Love You – Stevie Wonder
5. You Are So Beautiful – Joe Cocker
6. Something – The Beatles
7. If You Leave Me Now – Chicago
8. Crazy Love – Van Morrison
9. Only You (And You Alone) – The Platters
10. Love Me Tender – Elvis Presley
11. Endless Love – Lionel Richie & Diana Ross
12. True – Spandau Ballet
13. If You Don't Know Me By Now – Simply Red
14. Glory of Love – Peter Cetera
15. Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now – Starship
16. You've Got A Friend In Me – James Taylor
17. Easy – Commodores
18. Sailing – Christopher Cross
19. Our Love Is Here To Stay – Natalie Cole
20. We've Got Tonight – Bob Seger
21. Guess Who – B.B. King
22. How Deep Is Your Love – The Bee Gees
23. Desperado – Eagles
24. Longer – Dan Fogelberg
25. Lady – Kenny Rogers
26. I'll Stand By You – Pretenders
27. She's Always A Woman – Billy Joel
28. Killing Me Softly With His Song – Roberta Flack
29. Heaven – Bryan Adams
30. I Love You – Climax Blues Band

PRELUDE MODERN

Fresh & Contemporary

1. Golden Hour – JVKE
2. First Day of My Life – Bright Eyes
3. Until I Found You – Stephen Sanchez
4. Love Someone – Lukas Graham
5. Best Part – H.E.R.
6. I Love You Always Forever – Donna Lewis
7. I Love You So – The Walters
8. Yellow – Coldplay
9. Come Away With Me – Norah Jones
10. Come With Me – Surfaces
11. My Love Is All Mine – Mitski
12. Ride – HYBS
13. Kiss Me – Sixpence None the Richer
14. More Than Words – Extreme
15. Make You Feel My Love – Adele
16. I Try – Macy Gray
17. Lover – Taylor Swift
18. Wherever You Will Go – The Calling
19. You're Still The One – Shania Twain
20. Let It Go – James Bay
21. Truly Madly Deeply – Savage Garden
22. Kiss From A Rose – Seal
23. Chasing Cars – Snow Patrol
24. I'll Be – Edwin McCain
25. I Won't Give Up – Jason Mraz
26. All My Life – K-Ci & JoJo
27. Hero – Enrique Iglesias
28. By Your Side – Sade
29. Someone You Loved – Lewis Capaldi
30. Just the Way You Are – Bruno Mars

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Processional

The highly anticipated moment when your wedding party and you make your way down the aisle. It's where emotions peak, cameras roll, and your soundtrack truly begins. This is your moment to set the emotional tone for the ceremony.

Most processions follow a simple structure:

1. Officiant
2. Groom
3. Groomsmen
4. Bridesmaids
5. Maid/Matron of Honor
6. Ring Bearer
7. Flower Girl(s)
8. Bride

As your DJ, we'll make sure every cue is perfectly timed. Whether you want to keep it traditional, go modern, or surprise your guests with a custom remix, we've got you covered. We'll also help edit or fade songs so your entrance hits right where it should. Your walk down the aisle is a once-in-a-lifetime moment. Let's make sure it sounds as unforgettable as it feels.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Emotional, Romantic, Timeless

1. Canon in D – Pachelbel
2. A Thousand Years – Christina Perri
3. Can't Help Falling in Love – (Kina Grannis Ver.)
4. Marry Me – Train
5. Perfect – Ed Sheeran (or string version)
6. Turning Page – Sleeping At Last
7. Somewhere Over the Rainbow – Israel K.
8. All of Me – John Legend (Acoustic)
9. You Are the Reason – Calum Scott
10. River Flows in You – Yiruma
11. The One – Kodakline
12. I Get to Love You – Ruelle
13. First Day of My Life – Bright Eyes
14. Can You Feel the Love Tonight – (Disney Piano V.)
15. Tenerife Sea – Ed Sheeran
16. At Last – Etta James
17. How Long Will I Love You – Ellie Goulding
18. I Choose You – Ryann Darling
19. From This Moment On – Shania Twain
20. Love Me Like You Do (Instr.) – Ellie Goulding
21. Bless the Broken Road – Rascal Flatts
22. Rewrite the Stars – The Greatest Showman
23. Halo (Piano Cover) – Beyoncé
24. Enchanted (Acoustic) – Taylor Swift
25. Speechless (Dan + Shay) – Instrumental
26. Can't Take My Eyes Off You – (Slow Acoustic)
27. Kiss Me – Sixpence None the Richer (Acoustic V.)
28. Stand by Me – Florence & The Machine (Cover)
29. Your Song – Elton John or Ellie Goulding version
30. La Vie En Rose – Édith Piaf or (Instrumental)

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Recessional

The ceremony recessional is your “just married” moment. The celebration begins the second you turn around and walk back up the aisle, hand in hand. After all the anticipation and emotion, this is the first time your guests see you as a married couple, and the energy should reflect that.

This is the time to let your personality shine! Whether you’re going for something fun, romantic, bold, or unexpected, your recessional song sets the tone for the rest of the celebration. Think upbeat, feel-good, crowd-pleasers, the kind of song that makes people want to smile, cheer, and maybe even dance their way out of their seats.

As your DJ, we’ll help you pick a song that fits your vibe and hits perfectly on cue. We’ll coordinate with you and your officiant for the exact moment you’d like the music to begin.

The ceremony may be complete, but the party is just getting started. Let’s make that exit unforgettable!

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Upbeat, Joyful, Celebration-Ready

1. Signed, Sealed, Delivered – Stevie Wonder
2. You Make My Dreams – Hall & Oates
3. This Will Be (An Everlasting Love) – Natalie Cole
4. Marry You – Bruno Mars
5. Best Day of My Life – American Authors
6. I Wanna Dance With Somebody – Whitney H.
7. Love On Top – Beyoncé
8. I'm Yours – Jason Mraz
9. Happy – Pharrell Williams
10. You Are the Best Thing – Ray LaMontagne
11. Everything – Michael Bublé
12. L-O-V-E – Nat King Cole
13. Crazy Little Thing Called Love – Queen
14. On Top of the World – Imagine Dragons
15. Sugar – Maroon 5
16. Ho Hey – The Lumineers
17. Treasure – Bruno Mars
18. Beautiful Day – U2
19. You've Got the Love – Florence & The Machine
20. Shake It Off – Taylor Swift
21. Send Me On My Way – Rusted Root
22. Electric Love – BØRNS
23. Home – Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros
24. Good as Hell – Lizzo
25. Dog Days Are Over – Florence & The Machine
26. Boom Clap – Charli XCX
27. Valerie – Amy Winehouse
28. Come and Get Your Love – Redbone
29. Walking on Sunshine – Katrina & The Waves
30. I Got You (I Feel Good) – James Brown

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