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How To Be A Good Wedding DJ

By Kirsten Hawkins

If you love music and have a decent collection, a good way to make extra money may be to

become a DJ for live events. To get up and rolling may take a small investment as a DJ must have top of the line stereo equipment and a music collection that reflects a wide variety of musical tastes, but the financial rewards can be well worth the initial expenditure. DJs are hired for any of a variety of events from school dances to weddings and Bar-Mitzvahs, and the manner in which you conduct yourself may need to vary depending on the event that you're working. Weddings are a particularly valuable market for a disc jockey and the wedding DJ often has one of the most fun jobs of anyone associated with a decent sized wedding reception. Following are some tips that can help you find success as a wedding DJ.

Let's Get it Started in Here:

A wedding reception is essentially a big party. Like any party, the reception will evolve slowly over the course of the evening and it is the responsibility of the wedding DJ to ensure that it moves along at the proper pace. When the reception first begins the wedding DJ will notice that people are milling around and talking, eating, and congratulating the happy couple. This is a good time to start playing music, making a selection that is both in line with the requested genres or tastes that should have been previously discussed with the couple or the person that hired the wedding DJ. Something upbeat but not overpowering is good here.

When it is time for the dancing to start, it's time for the party to start. Sometimes people are a bit shy to get going. It is at this point that the wedding DJ needs to show some personality. Get on that microphone and motivate people to get on the dance floor and move. Make some congratulatory statements to the newlyweds and tell the guests to get out there and shake it.

Once You've Sold it, Don't Buy it Back:

Now that you've got the music going and the dance floor is full, shut your pie hole! No one comes to a wedding reception to hear the wedding DJ blather on into the microphone like a wannabe Howard Stern. If it's fallen on you to announce mini reception events like a dollar dance or the removal of the

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garter, then do so, but speak as little as possible. Let the music move the party and keep that microphone securely in the upright and locked position.

Hey, Mr. DJ... Put a Record on:

Requests equal tips for the wedding DJ. If a guest approaches you with a song request that falls into the category of music that you've been hired to spin, get it on there post haste. People get all warm and fuzzy inside when they hear a song that they specifically requested.

Finally, two things that every wedding DJ should have in his collection are copies of The Hokey Pokey and The Chicken Dance. Treat these like the American Express Card of the wedding DJ: don't leave home without them.

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for more

event planning tips, strategies, and resources.

Important Steps In Your Wedding Program

By Ken Donald

You have probably heard of others who have used one. A wedding program. Do you really need one to manage your upcoming wedding? It all depends on how big a wedding you are planning. A regular wedding has thousands of things and stuff who needs to be taken care of on the right moment. If each thing is not done at the proper time and place, the whole wedding can get side tracked and course a lot of trouble.

You need to take care of wedding invitations in good time before the wedding. The invitation of your guests is very important to get done early in your preparations. Things like wedding flowers for decoration, the wedding dress for the bride, ordering a wedding band perhaps, etc.. The list goes on and on. Planning your wedding can be difficult on a piece of paper. You really need a plan where every aspect has been thought of.

You also have to think about wedding favors, wedding rings and wedding accessories. Not to forget your honeymoon? Where should you go on this special occasion?

You have to think ahead. Try a search on the internet for wedding programs. You can find information in abundance. It is all out there on the internet online: wedding music, wedding photographers, wedding ideas and wedding cakes, etc.

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With the wedding process written down on paper step by step, you are in control of the situation. And you know that you can relax and even enjoy the process from beginning of planning and all the way to your grand wedding day.

If your budget is a bit tight and your wedding program must save money where it is possible, you can make your own wedding invitations, and perhaps you know someone who can make the wedding flowers for example. The wedding party could be held at a less expensive place. The great thing about doing many things yourself is the personal touch your wedding will get. Great idea for creative people.

A wedding program is the most important step to stay on track from start to finish. Planning a wedding is no easy task to manage. Get a wedding program, and make that special wedding day perfect.

Thank you for your time.

You can find more wedding information and mostly about wedding programs at

<http://www.wedding-programs-e.com/index.html>

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