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String Quartet vs. Jazz for Your Las Vegas Wedding Music

By Renae Judkins

Las Vegas weddings have been known for their tackiness as long as Las Vegas drive thru weddings

have existed, but Las Vegas weddings are quickly becoming more elegant with brides spending more on their Las Vegas nuptials. With this includes their choice of Las Vegas wedding music and Las Vegas wedding musicians.

We spoke with Chandler Judkins, president of Las Vegas Wedding Music, the number one live musician contracting company in Las Vegas and he had a lot to say about a new trend among Las Vegas couples.

"Las Vegas couples aren't choosing string quartets as much as they used to," Judkins said. "Jazz is more of the choice for their Las Vegas wedding music."

The reason for choosing jazz more than strings for Las Vegas weddings is simple according to Judkins. "They want something different. That's usually why they're getting married in Las Vegas in the first place."

Strings are still a popular Las Vegas wedding music choice and oftentimes Las Vegas couple will pair up the two, having strings for the ceremony and jazz for the cocktail hour and reception afterward.

A Las Vegas jazz quartet can be the perfect solution to create elegance, class, dancing and swinging, and all at a reasonable price. Las Vegas Wedding Music's jazz groups start as low as \$500 for a few hours, and no minimum time is required. Las Vegas Wedding Music's musicians often show up to play for a 15 minute wedding ceremony and then go home.

Las Vegas Wedding Music is so flexible with price, timing, groups, song requests list and more because according to Judkins, music is his passion and he wants to share that passion through his company Las Vegas Wedding Music.

"Couples getting married in Las Vegas often don't realize that live musicians can be contracted for as little as a Las Vegas dj can be hired," Judkins said. "Our goal here at Las Vegas Wedding Music is to

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promote live music. We want our brides to walk down the aisle to the real thing, not a distorted version of 'Canon in D.' "

Judkins is a professional musician himself and oftentimes plays with the Las Vegas jazz groups. Live sound demos of the Las Vegas string quartet and the Las Vegas jazz groups can be found at Las Vegas Wedding Music's site: [LVWeddingMusic \(dot\) com](http://LVWeddingMusic.com).

Las Vegas Wedding Music also offers other Las Vegas wedding music packages for couples getting married in Las Vegas who want something different for their Las Vegas wedding. Singers, harpists, top 40 bands, mariachi groups, impersonators and more are available.

Las Vegas Wedding Music can work with nearly any budget and their packages start as low as \$250.

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Inexpensive, Classy Substitutes for a String Quartet

By Renaë C Judkins

Live wedding music can be expensive for couples on a budget. However, we found secrets to help keep the music flowing, costs low and without DJs.

"Generally, the more musicians and the more hours, the larger the cost," Chandler Judkins, President of Las Vegas Wedding Music, said. Las Vegas Wedding Music is the number one musician contracting company in Las Vegas. "Many options are available to keep costs low if you work with a flexible musician contractor."

1. Ask for deals

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Many wedding music contractors have specials for those who can't afford the big band of their dreams or even a small string quartet.

For example, Las Vegas Wedding Music offers a string quartet for ceremony music in Las Vegas for around \$500 if the quartet is used for the ceremony only.

String quartets usually charge by the hour and have a two hour minimum which could easily start at \$800.

Sometimes wedding music contractors are also the musicians in some of their own bands, so they have discounts to use the bands that they themselves play in.

Chandler Judkins of Las Vegas Wedding Music plays the trumpet in many of his wedding music groups, so a jazz quartet actually costs less than a string quartet but sounds just as beautiful.

When in doubt, ask the wedding music contractor. You never know what they might offer.

2. Get a Trio

If a string quartet, jazz quartet or any other wedding band seems just out of your reach budget wise, hire one less musician. Get a string trio or a jazz trio instead of a string quartet or jazz quartet. It is still better than hiring a DJ and sounds beautiful.

If a string trio or jazz trio is still out of your budget, duos can also be a beautiful touch. Sometimes simple is better anyway.

"Make sure you check with your wedding planner about duos though," Judkins said. "Sometimes they have contracts with string quartets that disallow them to cut players."

This is one reason why Judkins encourages brides and grooms to find a musician contractor to handle their music versus a wedding planner.

"Don't get me wrong," Judkins said. "Wedding planners are great. But they have their degree in wedding planning, whereas, we wedding musician contractors have our degree in music."

3. Maximize Your Time

If a couple's wedding reception plans consist of six hours of cocktails, then five hours of dancing, this can pose a problem if a couple doesn't have a deep wallet.

"When planning your wedding music, decide when the most people will be there and paying attention to the atmosphere," Judkins said. "You may only have a couple hours of live music, but it will make those hours the most unforgettable part of your wedding day ... to you and your guests."

To see examples of wedding bands and possible musician options, go to

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