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Introduction:

Music is an important part of a wedding and can make or break the occasion. Consequently, having a good DJ can help make what would otherwise be a lack luster wedding a brilliant and memorable occasion.

It is important therefore to put a little thought and care into hiring a DJ. Following are some things you must consider when hiring a DJ.

This article breaks down into three major areas. The DJ and his professional experience, the equipment, the contract and cost.

Hope you find this article informative.

1. Hire the DJ not the company

Though chances are that you will hire a company for your DJ, the truth is that you will be dealing with the DJ and not the company during your wedding party. It therefore makes good sense to get to know your DJ before the party. Be sure to get a written understanding of whom your DJ will be. If possible, meet with him or her right from the go.

2. Get to know your DJ

Do not be afraid to ask your DJ about his experience organizing and playing weddings. Remember, it is your wedding party and not his and to get the kind of wedding you want, the DJ must be willing to listen to your input. Find out how much experience your DJ has and whether or not he knows how to organize wedding receptions.

3. Being a DJ is more than spinning records

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A good DJ is a lot more than a record spinner, anyone can do just that. Being a good DJ includes getting the people involved. It means getting the people off their seats and onto the dancing floor. How will your DJ do that? Find out.

### 4. What is the dress code?

Be sure your DJ understands the dress code for the occasion. Weddings are a formal occasion and require formal dressing. Your DJ should dress in a way that is appropriate and befitting for the occasion.

### 5. Is there a contract?

It is always better to have a contract that spells out the terms of the engagement, such as the fees. Will there be an extra charge if the function goes into overtime? Who pays for transportation? Also your

contract should show date, time and place of event and pertinent contact information such as telephone numbers.

### 6. There are djs and there are DJs, get a professional breed.

Some DJ companies are more equal than the others. How do you know? Here are some pointers. What is their affiliation(s)? Ask if they belong to ADJA or any of the other membership organizations? Are they insured?

### 7. Your function will sound as good as the equipment

Quality equipment will always produce quality sound and sound effects. Do not settle for anything less than the best. Some of the best brand names include Denon, Gemini, QSC, and Crown. Ask your DJ what brand his equipment is.

Also be sure that the DJ brings along a backup system. Failures do happen when least expected and you want to be ready when they happen.

8. Encourage your DJ to bring a wide variety of song selections. Do not try to limit them with a list. It is best to have songs that will sweep the people off their seats and on to the dancing floor. The more, the merrier.

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## **Hiring A Professional Wedding Planner: The Advantages**

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Have you ever wondered why Jennifer Lopez had made such a great impact on her movie, "The Wedding Planner?" This is because most people, after watching the film, had finally realized the importance of hiring a wedding planner.

Long before, most couples are having second thoughts on the idea of hiring a wedding planner. They have doubts if hiring the services of a wedding planner is really worth their money, especially those who are in a tight budget.

Basically, hiring the services of a wedding planner is actually a matter of choice and personal preference. If you think that you and your fiancé can handle most of the wedding planning without any burden, then, go on with your plans.

But if you think that doing all the planning from the very beginning is already tedious, then, it is time for you to hire the services of a wedding planner.

Basically, a wedding planner is someone who is adept and knowledgeable when it comes to wedding plans. Wedding planners have already established their contacts with many businesses that are important in the wedding such as flower arrangers, caterers, venues, etc.

So, for most people who are not yet aware the benefits they can derive from hiring a wedding planner, here are some facts that you need to know:

### 1. Hiring a wedding planner will save you time.

Planning a wedding can be a daunting task. It can even be more tedious if the person who plans the wedding is a participant also like the bride or the groom. It can be really difficult to have an open mind especially with all the jitters and everything.

Moreover, planning a wedding does not happen overnight. Usually, it would take you 200 to 300 hours of planning, thinking, and brainstorming. Hence, to save you time and effort, it is best to hire the services of a wedding planner.

### 2. More savings

Many people contend that the reason why they do not hire a wedding planner is that it will be an additional cost on their part.

What they do not know is that hiring the services of a wedding planner can actually save you more money because most of the wedding planners have already established solid contacts with some of the common wedding businesses like flower arrangers, venues, and the like. Therefore, discounts are more likely to happen because they have their own connections already.

### 3. Organized planning

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With wedding planners, weddings can be more organized because most wedding planners are very particular from the biggest down to the last details of the wedding.

After all, it is their job so they know what should be done best.

Moreover, wedding planners have actual timeline that they follow in order to have all the details be ready on time or even way ahead of time, leaving all the last-minute changes behind.

### 4. The decisions are still yours

With wedding planners, the decisions are still with the couple. The wedding planner will just guide, render some suggestions, and assist the couple in making the decision.

Hence, the couple will be able to, still, have their own style and preference with regards to the planning of their wedding.

### 5. Confidence boosters

One of the best things about wedding planners is that they act as confidence boosters for the bride and the groom.

We all know how jittery and edgy wedding couples can be especially if they are in a rush or having trouble finding the perfect item for their wedding. But wedding planner, they will be more at ease and more confident that their wedding will be perfect because they know that they have laid the details of their wedding upon the hands of a professional.

Indeed, there could be no better person who really knows the ins and outs of wedding planning more than what the wedding planner can do.

So, for great weddings, it is best to hire the services of a wedding planner.

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