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What You Need To Know To Become A Singer

By David Fishman

You love singing and know that you are destined to become a singer. You admire popular artists and wish your music could also be recognized. This has been a dream of yours since you can remember. Well, the good news is that you can achieve your dreams. All it takes is some hard work, goal setting, and a little luck.

Here is some information that will help you learn what you need to know to become a singer.

Develop your Voice. Without excellent vocal skills, your career will not amount to much. Practice as much as you can and work with a vocal coach. You will need to find a coach who understands your musical style and your goals and will also push you and challenge you. The goal is to turn you into not only a technical artist, but help you develop your potential.

Your Personal Style. When working with your vocal coach and practicing your voice, some attention should be paid to developing your personal style. If your goal is to sing jazz, learn technical jazz style singing but also learn to put your own special mark on the songs.

Write Some Music. Another essential step is to write some music, or have someone else write it for you if you don't have a particular talent for it. You can also work with someone who will help you get your ideas down and set them to music. Your goal is to write or help develop a collection of songs to perform and record.

Learn to Perform. Another essential step is to learn how to perform. When recording in the studio, you can easily cover up any flaws in your voice or in the music. If you mess up, you can start again. It takes a truly great singer to wow the audience while playing live. Resist the urge to lip synch. Though an astonishing number of performers do this, it is very hard to gain respect as an artist if you do this.

Get Even More Experience. Besides performing your own songs, it might be a great experience to join a chorale group, choir, or other singing ensemble to get more experience. A benefit to this is that you can learn how to interact with other singers and learn new songs and different techniques.

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Record your Music. When you feel confident that you have mastered your songs, it is time to find a studio and some musicians to record your music. Depending on your goals, you can either put together a CD and sell it yourself or use this studio time to create a demo. Find someone to work with who understands your genre and has a track record for success.

Enter Contests. Entering contests and competitions is another great way to get exposure. These contests can really draw attention to your talent, especially if the contest is fairly big. Check your local area, any nearby cities, and watch for other events that may be televised. Agents and other industry professionals may lurk at these events, looking for the newest talent.

Don't Give Up. Unless you are extremely lucky from the beginning, you will probably face rejection from time to time. You may not win every contest you enter. In fact, you may not win any. Your demo may get lost in the mail or you won't get any responses. Don't give up. Success could be just around the corner and you won't know this if you don't stop trying.

Learn Other Skills. Depending on what style of singing you want to do, you may need to learn other skills. Pop singers need to learn how to dance. Folk singers should learn how to play the guitar. You may also want to learn the piano or electric guitar. Spend time working on these things without neglecting your voice— your true goal.

Find an Agent or Manager. It may also be worth your while to find an agent or a manager. They can help you get gigs, submit your demo to producers, and in general represent you. This can be very helpful because a lot of managers and agents have industry contacts. Just be careful to choose one that is sincere about their interest in you.

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The Good Times Are Guaranteed By The Wedding Singer

By Kirsten Hawkins

There are three things that all wedding receptions must include to turn out as memorable and successful events. The three "G's" of good food, good times, and good entertainment will make your wedding reception into an event enjoyed by all who attend. Generally taking care of the first and third of these concepts will guarantee the second. Good food is generally attained by hiring a competent caterer and not serving okra. Good entertainment brings with it a number of options and, unfortunately, none are ever ensured to be as good as they purport. One entertainment option for wedding receptions

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is the wedding singer. For far less than you'd pay a band and a bit more than you can expect to pay a DJ, you can get an entertainer that is a master of ceremonies, singer, and comedian all rolled into one.

Popularized by Adam Sandler's 1998 film *The Wedding Singer*, the person fulfilling this role at your reception will entertain you and your guests from start to finish. The wedding singer keeps the "show" aspect of the reception rolling along smoothly by providing music for dancing, and introducing various aspects of the reception such as the throwing of the bouquet/garter, and the unwrapping of wedding gifts. A good wedding singer will be the life of the party, keeping everyone in a good mood and having a good time by filling the lulls with witty comments and by singing his heart out. Some wedding singers will also have the guests sing, making parts of the reception a kind of karaoke party. Everyone loves karaoke. Even those who claim to despise it actually have a tiny Mel Torme, David Lee Roth, or Richard Cheese deep inside them just aching to get out. The wedding singer will bring this out in people.

Finding a wedding singer to hire for your reception is often as easy as looking through the telephone directory or searching the Internet. You'll find that there are all types of wedding singers available to perform at your reception. Wedding singers will generally have a variety of musical styles to offer in their repertoire. Some offer general services which include a number of popular songs that they can perform at your wedding. Others are more specialized and offer "tribute" performances to famous singers like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett or even the likes of Barry Manilow or Burt Bacarach. Most will be more than happy to discuss your musical tastes with you and gear their performances accordingly. Whatever musical style suits your particular tastes, you're sure to be able to locate a wedding singer willing to perform it for you.

Wedding singers can do it all for you and the good ones can make for a truly entertaining experience. When you're planning the entertainment for your wedding reception, consider hiring a wedding singer to help make sure your event fulfils the requirement of the three "G's" and is a memorable occasion for you and your guests.

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