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How far in advance should I hire a DJ for a wedding?

Wedding planning largely depends on the month of the ceremony. The months of May, June, September, and October are the most popular months for weddings. If you are planning a wedding within these months expect to meet with your Disc Jockey **12 to 18 months** before the ceremony. Weddings in other months may be available 3 to 4 months in advance, but you can never sign too early.

How far in advance for a party?

When hiring a DJ for a party, keep in mind that the above months will still be busy for you as well. However, since most weddings take place on Saturdays or Sundays, you may have some luck hiring a DJ with a only couple of months notice if you plan your party for a weeknight, a Friday, or sometimes even a Sunday night. Parties in other months may require as little as a few weeks notice.

What about a holiday party?

If you're planning a party between Thanksgiving and Christmas, try to have your reservation by Halloween. New Years Eve parties will generally require a 1 year advance notice.

What should I look for when hiring a Disc Jockey?

Experience, Extensive Music Library, and Flexibility.

- **Experience:** Your wedding will be one of the most important days of your lives and the last thing you want is a DJ fresh out of broadcasting school. Make sure that your Disc Jockey has played music for weddings as well as parties. Ask for letters of reference. Sometimes inexperienced DJ's treat a wedding reception as a children's birthday party. They will even try to "steal the show," making the reception more about *them* than you. Experienced DJ's know the difference between a wedding and a party.

- **Extensive Music Library:** Many times DJ's will only have a selection of "greatest hits" cd's that do not contain those songs that are special to you. Sometimes DJ's will only carry a particular format of music such as oldies or rap. Imagine hiring a DJ for a high school dance and he shows up without today's hits? Lifetime has thousands of CD's; everything from **classical to rock, big band to top 40, oldies to country, jazz to alternative.** We will customize selections to fit your taste. Ask to see our extensive music library!

- **Flexibility:** Some people prefer a disc jockey that knows how to work a crowd. They expect the DJ to get the crowd motivated, make witty comments about the guests, and be the

'life of the party.' Others expect a disc jockey to be more distinguished, respectful, and 'classy.' At Lifetime YOU are the boss. We do things YOUR way. You even get to pick the music that is to be played. Don't like heavy metal? No problem; We won't play any. Don't want the DJ to embarrass Aunt Micki by making her lead a conga line? No worries... but we can probably persuade her to do so.

Recently I was at a wedding reception and I couldn't hear the best man's toast. How do I avoid a similar problem at my reception?

Make sure that the DJ has a wireless microphone. At Lifetime we always carry a wireless mic for added mobility. This enables the best man, maid of honor, guest, host, etc., the ability to speak to the crowd from anywhere in the room.

I've seen a few DJ's that play the music way too loud. How do I prevent that?

Once again, with Lifetime Entertainment YOU are the boss. If the music is too loud for you or your guests, simply request that it be turned down and it will. No ifs-and-or-buts.

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