

The Ultimate Blueprint for Unforgettable Entertainment

The Lighthearted Guide to Choosing the Perfect DJ or Band for Your Big Day

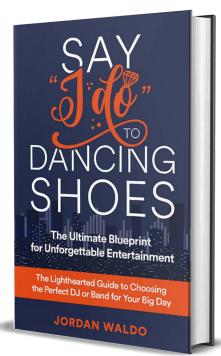
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#### **FOREWORD**

Dear readers,

As the proud owner of RMF Entertainment, I've had the privilege of being a part of numerous weddings. Each wedding has its own unique story, with a couple at the center celebrating their love. Time and time again, I have witnessed the incredible power of laughter and music in bringing people together to create memories that last a lifetime.

Planning a wedding can be overwhelming, and it's all too easy to get lost in the whirlwind of details, deadlines, and decisions. That's precisely why I wrote this book – to provide you with guidance and a touch of humor as you navigate the world of wedding entertainment.

In this lighthearted guide, we'll explore everything from the great DJ versus live band debate to the art of crafting the perfect playlist. I'll share the lessons I've learned and the tips I've picked up to make your wedding planning journey as enjoyable and stress-free as possible.

I hope this book will inspire you to create a celebration that is a true reflection of your love story, leaving your guests with memories they'll treasure forever. And above all, I want to remind you to have fun, embrace laughter, and enjoy every moment of your once-in-a-lifetime event.

So, let's dive into this adventure together. I'm thrilled to share my passion for wedding entertainment with you and be a part of your journey toward a magical and unforgettable day.

Warmly,

Jordan Waldo

#### INTRODUCTION



Greetings, dear reader! Congratulations on your engagement, and welcome to the wild, wonderful world of wedding planning. You've found yourself at the perfect place to make your wedding entertainment dreams come true while having a blast throughout the journey.

Diving into wedding entertainment can feel like navigating a maze, but fear not! This e-book is your trusty companion, here to guide you through the twists and turns with expert advice and witty stories that'll have you chuckling to yourself.

Our mission is simple: to provide you with the knowledge you need to create the ultimate celebration while providing plenty of laughs. Think of us as your party-planning partners-in-crime, big-day buddies, and personal cheerleaders for throwing a wedding that'll leave your guests in awe.

So, whether you're a meticulous bride-to-be or a go-with-the-flow groom, it's time to grab your favorite beverage, kick back, and let us lead you on a whimsical journey toward a wedding filled with laughter, love, and entertainment that will be remembered for a lifetime. Cheers to love, laughter, and a whole lot of entertainment!

#### **CHAPTER 1:**

## DJ or Live Band. The Clash of the Wedding Jukebox Titans



As you embark on your wedding planning adventure, you'll eventually encounter the great entertainment conundrum: DJ or live band. Think of it as the age-old peanut butter vs. jelly dilemma – both are great, but which is the perfect spread for your big day? In this chapter, we'll dive into a comical comparison of the two, spicing up the pros and cons with a twist of humor and sharing some amusing stories from couples who had to make the tough decision.

#### **DJ Advantages:**

**Unlimited Music Library:** Like Mary Poppins' magical bag, a DJ's music collection is virtually limitless. Whether you want the latest chart-toppers or a rare '80s gem, your DJ's got you covered.

Master of the Mood: DJs can switch from chill background tunes to dancefloor bangers faster than you can say "Electric Slide." They know how to set the perfect atmosphere for every wedding moment.

**Crowd Whisperers:** A skilled DJ can read the room like a psychic, always knowing which song will get your guests grooving.

#### **Live Band Advantages:**

**Electrifying Energy:** A live band brings unparalleled energy to your wedding, creating a dynamic atmosphere with your guests talking for years.

Custom Creations: With a live band, you can get personalized arrangements tailored to your wedding's theme or style, giving your event a unique touch.

Memorable Moments: A talented live band can create unforgettable highlights, like that jaw-dropping guitar solo that leaves everyone speechless.



#### **STORY TIME:**

Jessica and Tom couldn't choose between a DJ and a live jazz band for their wedding, so they hired both. The reception started with the band playing smooth tunes, followed by the DJ spinning a mix of classic hits and modern dance tunes.

During a break, the couple challenged the band and DJ to an impromptu "battle of the beats." The band played a jazz version of a popular dance hit while the DJ added a thumping beat to complement their performance. The dance floor exploded excitedly as guests danced and laughed at the unexpected musical mashup.

The night became a whirlwind of unforgettable fun as the DJ and band created unique mashups. Jessica and Tom's wedding was legendary, with guests raving about the one-of-a-kind entertainment experience long after the last dance.

Now that you've tasted the clash between DJs and live bands, it's time to weigh your options and decide which entertainment titan will reign supreme on your big day. Just remember to have fun with it.

#### **CHAPTER 2:**

## The Great Wedding DJ Hunt: Tips, Tricks, and Tales



Embarking on the great DJ hunt can feel like a never-ending quest for a mythical creature. But with a bit of humor and a few tips, you'll be well on your way to finding the perfect DJ to life. Here are some comical tales, tips, and tricks for your DJ hunt:

**Versatility is a Virtue:** Look for a DJ who can cater to a diverse crowd, seamlessly transitioning from classic hits to current chart-toppers. You want someone who can make your grandma and college friends feel like dancing machines.

Communication is Key: Choose a DJ who will listen to your preferences and respond promptly. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to connect with a DJ who's as elusive as Bigfoot.

Know Your Priorities: Knowing what matters to you is crucial when searching for a DJ. If you're looking for a DJ who can mix tracks manually, communicate this clearly with them. With the advent of auto-mixing software, some DJs may rely on this technology, and that's perfectly fine if it aligns with your preferences. Ultimately, it's about finding a DJ who can deliver the experience you want for your special day through manual mixing, auto-mixing, or a combination of both. Be bold, ask questions, and be clear about your priorities to ensure a memorable and enjoyable wedding celebration.

Avoiding Pitfalls: It's essential to remember that not all DJs are created equal, and sometimes, what seems too good to be true is. That "world-famous DJ" offering their services at a suspiciously low rate might be a novice who's never performed for a crowd before. When searching for your wedding entertainment, approach the process with a healthy dose of skepticism and a clear understanding of what you want. Feel free to ask for references or to see their previous work. You can make the DJ hunt an enjoyable and fruitful experience with the right mindset and a bit of humor."

By following these tips, tricks, and tales, you'll be ready to tackle the great wedding DJ hunt with a smile and confidence. Happy hunting!



#### **CHAPTER 3:**

## The Art of MCing and the Magic of DJ-Vendor Synergy



Step into the enchanting world of MCing and DJ-vendor synergy. Teamwork can elevate your wedding from chaos to a perfectly orchestrated celebration. Here, we'll unravel the mystery behind a seamless event so flawless your guests will be convinced you hired a team of wedding sorcerers.

#### The Role of the MC: The Wedding Whisperer

Discover the importance of a masterful Master of Ceremonies who ensures your event runs smoothly and engages the audience with charisma and humor. Without an MC, your wedding could resemble a ship lost. at sea.

#### The Double Threat: A DJ Who Can MC

Picture a multitasking superhero who spins tunes and captivates your guests with enchanting banter—a DJ who can also MC is rare, majestic, and invaluable, like a wedding unicorn. Find one, and you're set for a pleasant and entertaining experience.

Vendor Collaboration: The Dance of Unity Visualize your wedding as an elaborate group project. Clear communication between your DJ and other vendors is like a well-choreographed dance, ensuring everyone moves harmoniously and creating a beautiful matrimonial masterpiece.

#### **Setting Expectations: The Perfect Playbook**

Establish guidelines and expectations with your DJ and vendors to dodge a potential farce on your big day. It's like preparing the stage for a meticulously rehearsed play—everyone knows their part and can execute it flawlessly.

#### The Benefits of Teamwork: When Dreams Come True

When your DJ, vendors, and (why not?) a synchronized swimming team of swans work together, the result is a seamless event flow and an atmosphere of pure joy. Remember, teamwork truly makes the dream work!

The art of MCing and the magic of DJ-vendor synergy are crucial elements in creating a seamless and unforgettable wedding experience. By finding a talented MC, ensuring your DJ can multitask as an MC, fostering strong vendor collaboration, setting clear expectations, and embracing the power of teamwork, you'll create a wedding atmosphere brimming with laughter, joy, and lifelong memories. So, go forth and conquer the world of wedding entertainment, and watch as your harmonious event leaves your guests spellbound!

#### **CHAPTER 4:**

#### **Budgeting for Entertainment**



## Navigating the Financial Dancefloor. A Lighthearted Look at Costs

Regarding wedding entertainment, balancing your budget without compromising quality is essential. After all, this once-in-a-lifetime event deserves the best. In this chapter, we'll help you waltz through the expenses, ensuring you get the perfect entertainment without breaking the bank.

Tips for Securing Top-Notch Entertainment While Staying on Budget Prioritize: Decide what aspects of your wedding entertainment are most important to you and allocate your budget accordingly. This will help you focus on what truly matters, ensuring you get the best value for your money.

Be flexible with your wedding date: Many entertainers offer discounted rates for off-peak seasons or weekdays. Being open to different dates can secure your dream entertainment at a more affordable price. Bundle services: Consider hiring a DJ who can also MC or a live band that can provide ceremony and cocktail hour music. This way, you'll save money by booking just one vendor to cover multiple roles.

The early bird catches the best deal: Booking your entertainment early can sometimes secure a better rate. Plus, you'll have the peace of mind of knowing your desired vendor is reserved for your special day.

#### Tales of Unexpected Wedding Entertainment Expenses

The Surprise Overtime Fee: Julie and Mark had a fantastic DJ for their wedding, but the party went overtime. They were shocked when they received an unexpected bill for the extra hours. To avoid this, always discuss overtime fees with your DJ beforehand so that you can budget accordingly.

The Unforeseen Travel Expenses: Emily and Tom booked a fantastic live band but just realized they were based three states away. The couple was caught off guard by the hefty travel expenses. Make sure to factor in any travel costs when budgeting for your entertainment.

Remember, your wedding entertainment is crucial to your special day, so investing wisely is essential. Following these tips ensures a memorable event with top-notch entertainment that doesn't cost an arm and a leg. Dance on, budget-savvy lovebirds!

#### **CHAPTER 5:**

## Top 8 Dancefloor Do's and Don'ts



Welcome to the wild world of wedding dancefloor etiquette! We've compiled a hilarious list of 8 do's and don'ts for owning the dance floor, ensuring everyone has a great time without stepping on any toes (literally or figuratively).





#### **Encourage Guests to Dance.**

Be the life of the party and invite others to join you on the dance floor. There's nothing like a little friendly encouragement to start the dance party.

#### Be Mindful of Your Drink.

Spilled drinks are a dance floor hazard, so hold onto your beverage and avoid any impromptu breakdance moves that might send it flying.

#### **Participate in Group Dances.**

Yes, the Chicken Dance and the Macarena may be cheesy, but they're also fun. When these group dances come on, join in and let loose!

#### Wear Comfortable Shoes.

Your wedding day is a marathon, not a sprint. Slip into comfy shoes before hitting the dance floor to ensure you can dance the night away without pain.



#### Request Obscure Songs No One Knows.

While your taste in obscure Norwegian polka bands may be exquisite, it's best to stick to tunes that most guests will recognize and enjoy.

#### **Pressure Guests to Dance.**

While encouraging guests to dance, remember that only some feel comfortable busting a move. Respect their boundaries and let them enjoy the party in their way.

#### **Record Every Moment.**

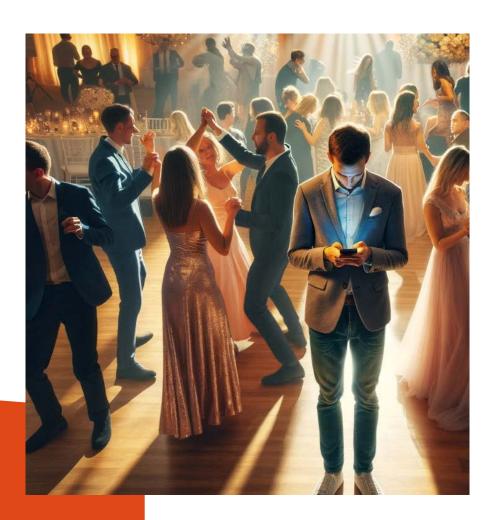
It's great to have memories but only spends part of the night glued to your phone, recording every dance move. Be present and enjoy the moment.



#### **Take Yourself Too Seriously.**

A wedding celebrates love and happiness, so let loose and have a good time. Remember, the most important thing is to enjoy the moment and create unforgettable memories with your loved ones.

By following these comical do's and don'ts for dancefloor etiquette, you'll ensure that everyone has a blast, and your wedding will be remembered as the party of the century! Now go forth and dance like no one's watching.



#### **CHAPTER 6:**

## Creating a Wedding Playlist



Step into the world of wedding playlist creation, where picking the right tunes can make or break the vibe of your big day. In this chapter, we'll guide you through crafting the perfect playlist, with a hilarious take on song selection and some stories about unexpected requests.

A Balanced Mix: Your wedding playlist should be like a delicious, well-seasoned meal – a balanced mix of flavors that caters to all palates. Be sure to include songs that span different genres and eras to keep everyone grooving, from your flower girl to your great-aunt Mabel.

The Love Factor. While it's tempting to load up on love ballads, remember that variety is the spice of life. Add upbeat tunes and crowd-pleasers to get people moving and ensure your playlist doesn't become a snoozefest.

The No-Play List: Equally important to your playlist is a list of songs you don't want to hear. Be specific with your DJ or band, so you don't have any cringe-worthy surprises.

The Special Dances: Remember the first, father-daughter, and mother-son dance. Pick songs with special meaning for you and your loved ones, ensuring these moments are memorable and heartfelt

#### **Funny Story Time:**

At one wedding, the mischievous bridesmaids managed to sneak a special request to the DJ without the couple's knowledge. As the evening progressed, a flash mob suddenly took over the dancefloor, dancing to a medley of the couple's favorite TV show theme songs. The initial surprise quickly turned into laughter as the bride, groom, and guests joined in, creating a unique and hilariously memorable reception experience.

The Crowd-Pleasers: You know those songs that everyone sings along to? Be sure to sprinkle a few of them throughout your playlist. They're like an instant dancefloor magnet, drawing even the shyest wallflowers out of their shells.

The Curveballs: Throw in a few unexpected tunes to keep things interesting. A well-timed curveball can create a memorable moment with your guests talking for years.

The Encore: Plan for an epic closing song that will leave everyone on a high note. Think "Don't Stop Believin" or "Bohemian Rhapsody" – something that will get everyone belting out the lyrics and embracing their inner rockstars. Following these clever tips for creating a wedding playlist will ensure your reception is a nonstop dance party where everyone – young and old – can let loose and have a fantastic time. Now, get ready to boogie!

#### **CHAPTER 7:**

#### **Backup Plans**



Enter the world of wedding entertainment backup plans, where a dash of preparedness can save your big day from disaster. In this chapter, we'll explore amusing anecdotes about wedding entertainment emergencies, tips for keeping cool when things go awry, and the importance of having a Plan B (and maybe even a Plan C).

Double-Check Everything: It may seem obvious, but double-checking contracts, schedules, and equipment can help avoid a world of hurt. No one wants to discover they booked a DJ for the wrong date or that the band's keyboard is on the fritz.

#### Takeaway:

In this chapter, we explored the importance of having backup plans for your wedding entertainment. The key to handling unexpected situations is being prepared and communicating openly with your vendors. Remember to stay calm and flexible, focusing on the love and joy of your wedding day rather than getting caught up in minor hiccups. By having a Plan B (and maybe even a Plan C), you'll be ready for any surprises that come your way, ensuring your wedding day remains a memorable and enjoyable experience.



#### **Funny Story Time:**

One couple had meticulously planned a beautiful outdoor wedding with a string quartet. Unfortunately, they didn't account for the potential of gusty winds. Mid-ceremony, sheet music took flight, leaving the quartet scrambling to keep up. Ultimately, they improvised a medley with guests laughing and clapping along, turning a potential disaster into a delightful memory.

**Designate a Point Person:** Assign a reliable friend or family member to be the entertainment liaison on your big day. They'll be your eyes and ears, ensuring everything runs smoothly and stepping in to tackle any unexpected challenges.

Weather Watch: Have a weather contingency plan if your wedding is outdoors. This could include a tent, indoor backup location, or even umbrellas for guests. Remember, Mother Nature has a sense of humor, and it's best to be prepared for her surprises.

**Tech Troubleshooting:** Technical difficulties can and do happen. Ensure your DJ or band is prepared with backup equipment or a quick fix for common issues. A little technical know-how can save the day.

Communication is Key: Keep the lines of communication open with your entertainment vendors. If there's a last-minute change or hiccup, being in touch can make all the difference in addressing the issue promptly and effectively.

**Embrace the Unexpected:** Sometimes, despite your best efforts, things go awry. When that happens, please take a deep breath, remember that it's all part of the adventure, and find the humor in the situation. Your guests will follow your lead; a lighthearted approach can turn a mishap into a cherished memory.

Preparing for the unexpected and having backup plans ensures your wedding entertainment remains top-notch, even when faced with unforeseen challenges. Remember, it's all about enjoying the journey and creating unforgettable memories with loved ones.

#### CONCLUSION

## Your Unforgettable Wedding Awaits,

We've ended our laughter-infused wedding entertainment journey just like that. As you prepare to say "I do" and dance the night away, remember that the most critical ingredient in a perfect wedding is love, laughter, and a healthy dose of unforgettable memories.

To send you off with a smile, here are a few parting words of wisdom:

- Embrace the Unexpected: Sometimes, the most memorable moments are those you didn't plan for. Whether it's an impromptu conga line or an off-the-cuff toast, allow room for spontaneity and let the magic happen.
- Laugh at the Mishaps: No wedding is completely flawless, so when things don't go exactly as planned, take a deep breath, chuckle, and remember that it's all part of the story you'll tell for years to come.
- Dance Like No One's Watching: Your wedding day celebrates your love, so let loose and dance with abandon. It's not about perfect choreography; it's about enjoying the moment and creating memories that will last a lifetime.
- Cherish the Journey: Wedding planning can be a whirlwind, but remember to pause and take it all in. Enjoy the process, and remember that each step brings you closer to your happily ever after.

As you embark on this exciting new chapter, we hope our amusing anecdotes and expert advice have helped make planning easier and much more fun. We wish you a lifetime of love, laughter, and magical moments on the dance floor.

Create an unforgettable wedding, and always remember to keep the laughter alive. Cheers to your big day and your future together!



## TIPS & TRICKS/ TAKEAWAYS FROM EACH CHAPTER



The Lighthearted Guide to Choosing the Perfect DJ or Band for Your Big Day

#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### Tips and Trick 🔆

Tip #1: List your priorities and must-haves before deciding on a DJ or live band.

**Tip #2:** Seek referrals from friends and family or read reviews to understand a DJ or band's reputation and style.

**Tip #3:** Consider the type of music you want to hear, such as specific genres or a mix of everything, when choosing between a DJ or live band.

#### Takeaway:

In this chapter, we explored the DJ versus live band debate, comparing the pros and cons of each option. When deciding, the critical takeaway is to consider your unique preferences, priorities, and desired musical atmosphere. Doing so will create a memorable and enjoyable entertainment experience for you and your guests.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

### Tips and Trick -

**Tip #1:** Research the DJ's experience and skills by asking for references and checking their online presence.

**Tip #2:** Schedule an in-person or video call meeting with the DJ to understand their personality and style.

**Tip #3:** Know what matters to you and communicate your preferences. If you want a DJ who mixes music manually, be clear. In today's world, many programs auto-mix, so it doesn't hurt to ask and ensure you're getting the desired experience.

#### Takeaway:

In this chapter, we dived into the entertaining world of finding the perfect DJ, complete with amusing stories and valuable advice. The main takeaway is that thorough research, communication, and setting expectations are crucial to ensure a successful and enjoyable DJ experience. Doing so will create a fun and engaging atmosphere for you and your quests on your special day

#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### Tips and Trick 🔆

**Tip #1:** Look for a DJ who can also act as an MC, offering a seamless and entertaining experience.

**Tip #2:** Encourage open communication between your DJ and other vendors to ensure a smooth event flow.

Tip #3: Establish guidelines and expectations with your DJ and vendors to avoid potential mishaps on your wedding day.

#### Takeaway:

Chapter 3 delved into the art of MCing and the magic of DJ-vendor synergy. The key takeaway is the importance of teamwork and communication between your wedding entertainment providers. You'll create a harmonious and memorable event for everyone involved by fostering collaboration and setting clear expectations.

#### **CHAPTER 4**

## Tips and Trick 🔆

Tip #1: Prioritize your wedding entertainment budget, as it's a crucial element of your celebration.

Tip #2: Consider package deals or off-peak discounts to save money without sacrificing quality.

Tip #3: Be upfront about your budget with potential vendors to ensure they're on the same page.

#### Takeaway:

In Chapter 4, we navigated the financial dance floor, exploring costs and strategies for budgeting wedding entertainment. The critical takeaway is prioritizing your entertainment budget and exploring creative ways to save money without compromising the experience. You can achieve your dream wedding without breaking the bank by being transparent and resourceful.

#### **CHAPTER 5**

#### Tips and Trick -



Tip #1: Ensure you and your partner agree on the dancefloor rules you want to establish for your quests.

Tip #2: Encourage guests to let loose and have fun, and remind them to respect others and their surroundings.

Tip #3: Keep the atmosphere light and upbeat by being a positive example on the dance floor and engaging with your guests.

#### Takeaway:

This chapter explored the top 8 dancefloors do's and don'ts, offering a lighthearted guide to wedding dance etiquette. The critical takeaway is to create a fun and respectful environment for everyone to enjoy. By setting the tone and example, you'll ensure that your wedding dancefloor remains a lively, memorable, and enjoyable experience for all your quests.

#### **CHAPTER 6**

#### Tips and Trick -

Tip #1: Consider your guests' musical tastes and preferences when crafting your playlist to ensure a variety of songs that will appeal to everyone.

Tip #2: Avoid including a few unconventional or unexpected songs with special meaning for you and your partner.

Tip #3: Communicate with your DJ or band about any specific song requests or dedications to ensure they're well-prepared.

#### Takeaway:

In this chapter, we delved into the art of creating a wedding playlist that keeps everyone grooving. Remember to consider the diverse musical tastes of your quests, and don't be afraid to include some unique or personal song choices. When working with your DJ or band to craft the perfect playlist, communication is vital. Following these tips will ensure a fun and memorable musical experience with your guests dancing the night away.

#### **CHAPTER 7**

#### Tips and Trick -



Tip #1: Always have a backup plan in place for potential issues with your entertainment, such as technical difficulties or last-minute cancellations.

Tip #2: Maintain open communication with your DJ, band, and other vendors to coordinate emergency contingency plans.

Tip #3: Stay calm and flexible during unexpected situations, focusing on the bigger picture of your special day



Are you ready to journey through the hilarious and unpredictable world of wedding entertainment? Join Jordan Waldo, owner of RMF Entertainment, as he shares his wealth of knowledge and expertise in this lighthearted and informative guide to making your wedding day truly unforgettable.

In this book, you'll discover:

- How to choose between a DJ and a live band for your big day
- Tips and tricks for finding the perfect wedding DJ or band
- ▶ The importance of MCing and DJ-vendor collaboration
- Budgeting for wedding entertainment without breaking the bank
- Top 8 dancefloor do's and don'ts to keep your guests grooving
- The art of crafting a wedding playlist that will keep everyone on their feet
- Backup plans for when wedding entertainment emergencies strike
- Packed with amusing anecdotes, practical advice, and a healthy dose of humor, this book will guide you through the wild world of wedding entertainment and help you create a celebration

Get ready to laugh, learn, and let loose as you plan the wedding of your dreams with this one-of-a-kind guide to wedding entertainment.

LET THE FUN BEGIN!