

# Traditional Events

## Background Music

While your guests are arriving, we are playing either a light classical, instrumental jazz or a light rock/oldies mix. We keep the volume low because you and your guests are taking a few moments to converse with friends and relatives whom you have not seen in awhile. This is your special day and many people will want to convey their best wishes and congratulations.

## Entrance of the Bride & Groom

Often, following the ceremony, the photographer will want to steal you away for a few more photos while your guests continue on to the reception site. When you do arrive at the reception, we can announce you as a new married couple. We can also then announce the Bridal party and/or announce a reception line, if you like.

## Dinner or Hors D'oeuvres

During your dinner, we play light background music of your choice. We provide a wireless microphone if there is to be a blessing on the food, a Father's Blessing or any other need you have during dinner.

## Toast

The Best Man usually gives the toast toward the end of the dinner. More modern traditions have the Maid (or Matron) Of Honor and/or the Parents of the couple joining in the toasting. We provide a wireless microphone for this purpose. We will also announce the toast several minutes in advance so that the Bridal Party, Photographer and guests are ready.

## Bride & Groom's First Dance

You will select this song before the Wedding day. We announce this event and invite all your guests to come to the floor to get photos and witness this special event. The tradition is to reserve this dance solely for the Bride and Groom but more recent times have seen the Bridal Party and Parents joining in toward the end of the song.

## Beginning The Dancing

After the first few slow songs, we invite everyone to join in the dancing and we play an upbeat song. Toward the beginning of the dancing, we usually play a popular mix of oldies and some 'sure hits' to get everyone involved. Often we use an 'icebreaker' activity or participation dances to get more guests on the floor having fun quickly. Toward the end of the reception, we try to focus on playing newer music that would appeal more toward the friends of the Bride and Groom. However, we still like to mix in a few oldies and 'sure hits' to keep everyone involved.

## Father/Bride Dance      Mother/Groom Dance

This is a special dance to honor the Parents of the couple. You can choose to have a separate song for each dance or to combine them both together with one song. We announce the dance and invite all your guests to come to the dance floor to witness this dance.

## Cake Cutting

We coordinate with the you and the Photographer to make sure you are ready when we announce the cutting of the cake. We can play light background music or a specific song chosen by you.

## Bridal Party Dance

This is a unique tradition that some prefer to have and others prefer to combine with the First Dance song. You can choose a song to dedicate to your Bridal Party to thank them for all that they have helped you with during the Wedding and for all that they mean to you. This can be an upbeat and lively song or a meaningful slow song. Some couples prefer to have just the Bridal Party dance together while others prefer to allow the Bridal Party to dance with whomever they wish during this number. We generally use this time to announce the Bridal Party, if you wish, or just give a general 'thank you' for being part of your special day.

## Bouquet/Garter Toss

This tradition is generally done toward the end of the evening. You can make this as mild or wild as you wish. You can choose a song or have us choose one. We invite all the single ladies out onto the floor. After the Bride is finished, it's the Groom's turn with all the single men. One tradition is that the man who catches the garter must put it on the leg of the woman who caught the bouquet and every inch above the knee he gets is five years good luck.

## Last Dance

We like to dedicate a song to you, the Bride and Groom, at the end of the evening. You can choose another special song or we can replay your First Dance song. You may wish to dance the entire song alone or begin the song alone and have invite the bridal party and/or guests to join in. This dance may be done with the guests seated or you may wish to invite all the guests to form a circle around the dance floor and you can dance in the center. You can have a beautiful, meaningful love song, or a party classic to get all the guests dancing.

## Good Luck Dance

One fun tradition is to have a 'Couples Good Luck Dance'. This is where you, the Bride and Groom, start out dancing alone. We announce that it is an old tradition that each couple that joins you on the dance floor during this particular song will bring the couple one more year of happiness.

## Anniversary Dance

This dance is meant to honor your older and wiser guests (a neat idea for those with Grandparents attending.) All the married couples, including both of you, are invited onto the dance floor. We play a song of your choice (or multiple songs) or one that we have chosen and all the couples dance. Following a little dancing, we invite all the couples who have been married one day or less to please step off the dance floor (this is usually only the Bride and Groom.) We continue inviting couples to 'take a break' from dancing at intervals of 3 years, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and so on. We continue eliminating the numbers until we have one couple left on the dance floor. We then invite that couple to introduce themselves and to give the Bride and Groom a piece of advice on how to maintain a successful marriage.

## Dollar Dance

The dollar dance is a way to raise cash for the newly married couple. Essentially, we will play your choice of music, or other appropriate songs, and announce the instructions for the dance. The men pay the Maid Of Honor (or the Bride herself) to dance with the Bride and the women pay the Best Man (or the Groom himself) to dance with the Groom. We usually keep this going until everyone who wishes to has had their chance to dance with the couple.

We welcome any traditions or special dances that you might like to have done at your Reception.

This is YOUR event and we will do it the way YOU want it done.

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