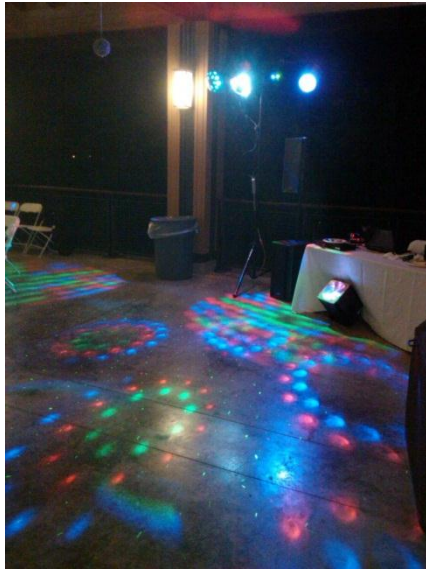


# A Perfect Ten For Weddings That Win!

## Ten questions to ask your prospective wedding disc jockey



### 1. ***Do you have a light show? Does it cost extra?***

A good DJ will have an assortment of lights to shine on the dance floor -- which adds to the fun and excitement of the evening. A great DJ will also offer special lighting effects to create the desired mood during dinner/cocktail time. Monogrammed lights and uplighting are usually available for additional rental. Make sure your reception area has adequate outlets for the DJ, if necessary.

### 2. ***Are you insured? Can you supply me with proof of liability?***

Accidents seldom happen at a wedding, but what if they did at yours? Many responsible business owners carry liability insurance to protect their businesses and the consumer. Ask for proof of liability insurance. Disc Jockeys receive a Certificate of Liability which can be used as proof.



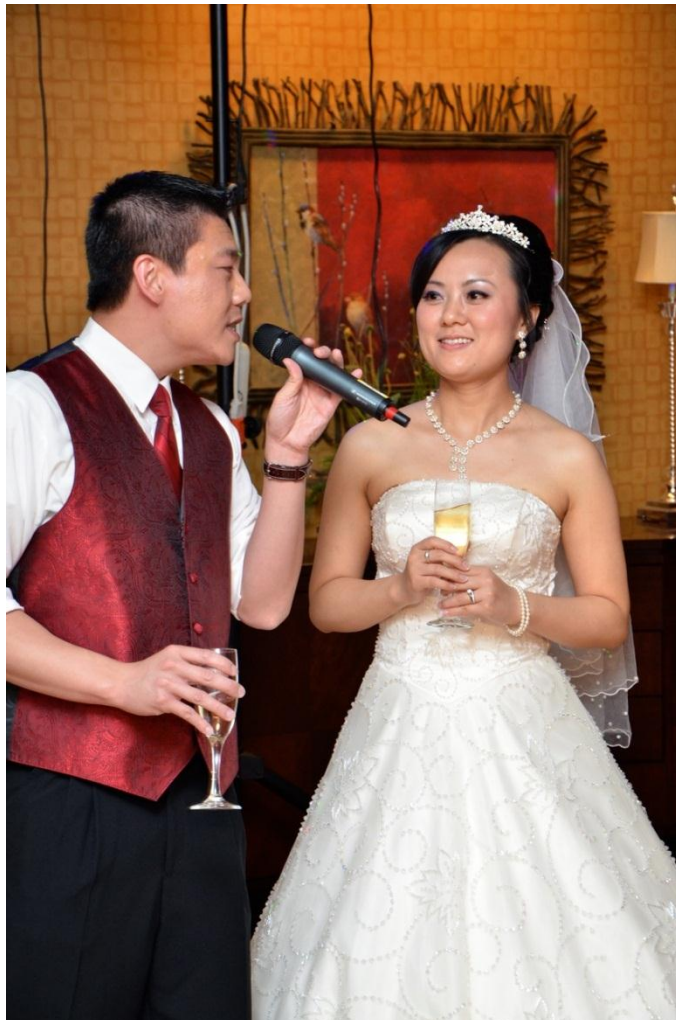
### 3. ***Are you passionate about being a disc jockey? Is it your full time job?***

Music is much more than just a way to make people dance - it communicates deep, personal feelings. A "weekend warrior" may not have the adequate knowledge behind the songs he's playing. Furthermore, a dedicated professional will always respond to your calls, texts and emails quickly.



#### **4. Do you use Professional Equipment?**

Professional gear is designed for both quality sound and high reliability. Ask for your prospective DJ's equipment list and check with a local music dealer to verify they are using professional-grade sound gear. Remember that professional gear does not guarantee an entertainer's talent or service level, but is simply a tool for building an exceptional event.



#### **5. Do you do more than just press 'play'?**

In addition to playing your musical selections, a professional Disc Jockey will assist you with the flow and planning of your special day. Ask if he is comfortable as a Master of Ceremonies for your family and guests.

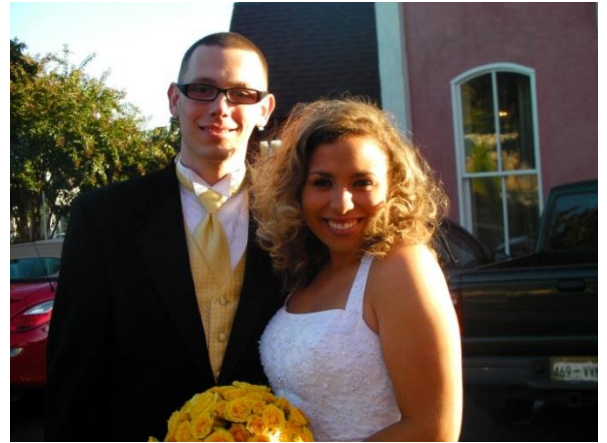
#### **6. Do you have backup equipment?**

While problems are rare, what happens should the music or lights stop due to a technical difficulty? A professional disc jockey will have redundant equipment on hand to ensure your event continues as smoothly as possible.

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**7. Do you provide a written contract? Will you be the DJ I get if I sign?**

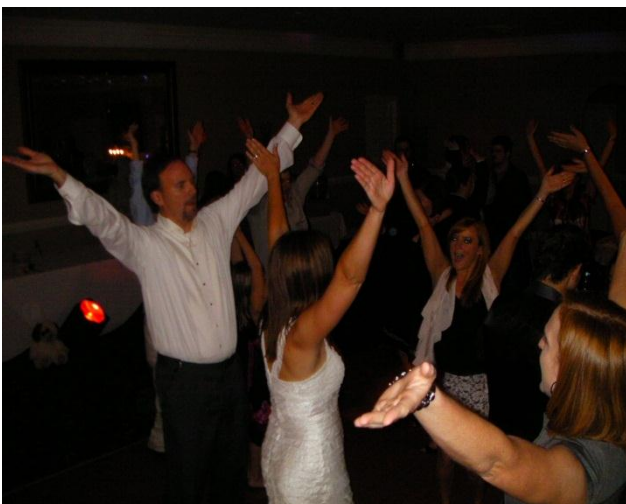
The most important part in selecting your wedding entertainment is to meet with your specific DJ in person and before signing a contract. Ask for a written agreement, especially if you are paying an initial retainer. The standard down payment for entertainment services is at least 10% with the remainder due before services officially begin. Ask if you may look at the contract at home before signing.



**8. Will you be suitably dressed for our occasion?**

Specify the type of apparel that your Disc Jockey is expected to wear for your occasion. Formal attire or dress shirt , slacks & tie are the most popular forms of attire. If you are having a “themed” wedding, make sure your entertainer is informed.

**9. What is your level of interactivity? Do you use props or play games during the reception?**



Unless specifically requested, a professional DJ uses music and announcing talent to make the moment special -- without being ‘over-the-top’ or corny. A professional DJ should know that the bride is the star of the wedding, not the entertainer. Discuss with your DJ beforehand if you would like a party game or fun icebreaker. Be sure to bring up any special dances or planned surprises you wish to take place during the reception.

**10. Do you have references, testimonials or reviews?**

A professional DJ will be able to furnish reviews of his work. Beware of DJ's that furnish their testimonials but won't let you contact them. Use an independent bridal review site such as weddingwire.com to see what folks are really saying.

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