

Reception, Party, and Cocktail Hour Music List

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Below is a list of some of the songs we play regularly for cocktails, receptions, and parties. Most of these songs can be performed with a variety instrumental/vocal combinations, including solo piano, solo guitar, voice, flute/guitar duo, sax/guitar duo, sax/piano duo, guitar/bass duo, guitar/piano duo, flute/piano duo, jazz trio, and jazz quartet.

Please note that this is just a partial list -- our repertoire library of jazz standards and rock/pop songs includes several hundred selections. If there is a song you like that's not listed, we will do our best to locate it and add it to our repertoire!

Classical Selections (see additional selections on our Ceremony Music page)

Air on the G String from *Orchestral Suite No. 3* — Bach
Andante from *Sonata Pathetique* — Beethoven
Canon — Pachelbel
Gymnopedie No. 1 — Satie
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring—Bach
Le Cygne (The Swan) — Saint-Saens
Liebestraum — Liszt
Polovetsian Dance ('Stranger in Paradise') — Borodin
Reverie — Debussy
Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini — Rachmaninov
Romance from *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* — Mozart
Serenade — Haydn
To a Wild Rose — MacDowell
Waltz — Brahms

Jazz Standards/Musical Theater

All I Ask of You — from "Phantom of the Opera"
All of Me
All the Things You Are
As Time Goes By
At Last
The Best Is Yet To Come
Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered
Billie's Bounce (Charlie Parker)
Blue Moon
Body and Soul
But Beautiful
Bye Bye Blackbird
Can't Help Lovin' That Man
Come Rain or Come Shine
Corcovado (Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars)
The Days of Wine and Roses
Deep Purple
Don't Get Around Much Anymore
Embraceable You
Fly Me to the Moon
A Foggy Day
Four (Miles Davis)
Gentle Rain
Georgia on My Mind
The Girl From Ipanema
God Bless the Child
Have You Met Miss Jones
I Can't Get Started
I Could Write a Book
In a Sentimental Mood

Jazz Standards/Musical Theater, continued

Isn't It Romantic
It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing
It Had to Be You
I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face
I've Got You Under My Skin
Let's Call the Whole Thing Off
Let's Fall in Love
Let's Get Away from It All
Mercy, Mercy, Mercy
Misty
Moon River
More
My Foolish Heart
My Funny Valentine
My One and Only Love
My Romance
The Nearness of You
Night and Day
Our Love Is Here to Stay
Polka Dots and Moonbeams
Smoke Gets In Your Eyes
Some Enchanted Evening
Someone to Watch Over Me
Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Strangers in the Night
That's All
They Can't Take That Away from Me
This Can't Be Love
Triste
Unforgettable
The Way You Look Tonight
What Are You Doing for the Rest of Your Life?
What a Wonderful World
When I Fall In Love
Where or When

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Contemporary/Pop/Rock

Across the Universe – the Beatles
After All – Peter Cetera and Cher
Airbag – Radiohead
All Apologies – Nirvana
All in Love is Fair – Stevie Wonder
Allison – Elvis Costello
All You Need is Love – the Beatles
Almost Blue – Elvis Costello
Always on My Mind – Willie Nelson
And Your Bird Can Sing – the Beatles
Angel – Jimi Hendrix
Annie’s Song – John Denver
Babylon Sisters – Steely Dan
Band on the Run – Paul McCartney
Behind Blue Eyes – the Who
Big Yellow Taxi – Joni Mitchell
Blackbird – the Beatles
Bless the Broken Road—Rascal Flatts
Both Sides Now – Joni Mitchell
Bridge Over Troubled Water – Simon and Garfunkel
Can’t Help Falling in Love—Elvis Presley
Can You Feel the Love Tonight? – Elton John
Castles Made of Sand – Jimi Hendrix
Classical Gas – Mason Williams
Close to You – the Carpenters
Could I Have This Dance? – Anne Murray
Crazy Little thing Called Love – Queen
Crazy Love – Van Morrison
Deacon Blues – Steely Dan
Dear Prudence – the Beatles
Desperado—The Eagles
Don’t Know Why – Norah Jones
Don’t Let the Sun Go Down on Me – Elton John
Dust in the Wind – Kansas
Ebony Eyes – Stevie Wonder
Endless Love – Lionel Richie
Exit Music for a Film – Radiohead
Every Breath You Take – The Police
Fearless – Pink Floyd
Fields of Gold – Sting
Fifty Ways to Leave Your Lover – Paul Simon
Fire and Rain – James Taylor
Fly Away – John Denver
Forever In Love – Kenny G
For Sentimental Reasons – Nat King Cole
From This Moment On – Shania Twain
God Bless the Broken Road—Rascal Flatts
Goodbye Blue Skies – Pink Floyd
Grow Old With Me – John Lennon
Hallelujah – Leonard Cohen (from *Shrek* soundtrack)
Happy Together – The Turtles
Have I Told You Lately That I Love You? – Van Morrison
Here Comes the Sun – the Beatles
Here, There, and Everywhere – the Beatles
Hey Jude – The Beatles
Hey You – Pink Floyd
I Can’t Tell You Why – the Eagles
Imagine – John Lennon
In My Life – the Beatles
In Your Eyes – Peter Gabriel
Isn’t She Lovely – Stevie Wonder
I Want to Hold Your Hand – the Beatles
I Will – the Beatles
Jesus, etc. – Wilco
Just the Way You Are – Billy Joel
Karma Police – Radiohead
Knocks Me Off My Feet—Stevie Wonder
Let It Be – The Beatles

Contemporary/Pop/Rock, continued

Let’s Stay Together – Al Green
Like a Rolling Stone – Bob Dylan
Little Wing – Jimi Hendrix
The Long and Winding Road – The Beatles
Love – John Lennon
Love Me Tender – Elvis Presley
Love of My Life – Santana/Dave Matthews
Love’s In Need of Love Today – Stevie Wonder
Maybe I’m Amazed – Paul McCartney
Michelle – the Beatles
My Heart Will Go On – Celine Dion
New York State of Mind – Billy Joel
No Surprises – Radiohead
Oh, Darling – the Beatles
Only Time – Enya
Peg – Steely Dan
Radio Cure – Wilco
The Rain Song – Led Zeppelin
Real Love—The Beatles/John Lennon
Red Rain – Peter Gabriel
Rocky Mountain High – John Denver
The Rose – Bette Midler
Scarborough Fair – Simon and Garfunkel
Shape of My Heart – Sting
She’s Got a Way – Billy Joel
She Loves You – the Beatles
Something – The Beatles
Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World – “Iz” Kamakawiwo’ole
Smells Like Teen Spirit – Nirvana
Speak Softly Love – Love Theme from “The Godfather”
Still Crazy After All These Years – Paul Simon
Strawberry Fields Forever – the Beatles
Summer Soft – Stevie Wonder
Sweet Baby James – James Taylor
Take Me Home, Country Roads – John Denver
Tangerine – Led Zeppelin
Tangled Up in Blue – Bob Dylan
This Masquerade – George Benson
Till There Was You—The Beatles
The Times They Are a-Changing – Bob Dylan
Tupelo Honey – Van Morrison
Two of Us – the Beatles
Unchained Melody – The Righteous Brothers
Us and Them – Pink Floyd
Watching the Wheels – John Lennon
The Way We Were— Barbra Streisand
We are the Champions – Queen
The Wedding Song – Kenny G
The Wedding Song (There Is Love) – Stookey
What the World Needs Now Is Love – Burt Bacharach
While My Guitar Gently Weeps – the Beatles
Wild Horses – Rolling Stones
Wild World – Cat Stevens
The Wind – Cat Stevens
The Wind Cries Mary – Jimi Hendrix
The Wind Beneath My Wings – Bette Midler
Wish You Were Here – Pink Floyd
Wonderful Tonight – Eric Clapton
Yesterday – the Beatles
You and I – Stevie Wonder
You and I – Wilco
You Are the Sunshine of My Life – Stevie Wonder
You’re the Inspiration – Chicago
You Raise Me Up—Josh Groban
Your Song – Elton John
You’ve Got a Friend – Carole King/James Taylor
... and many more!